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THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR.

Operations About Paris—The Sorties and Feints of the 21st Inst.—Capture of Several Positions.

BORDEAUX, Dec. 23.—Advices from Paris of the night of the 21st bring the official report of the recent military operations. The report says: "Operations were resumed today, and only ceased at nightfall. On the right Gens. MALRO and BLAISE occupied Neuilly, Sur Marne, Villa Evrard and Maison Blanche, all to the east of Paris. The fire of the enemy was silenced at all points." It is also stated that "after a short combat, in which Gen. FAVRE was wounded, the troops from St. Denis, under Admiral LA ROUCIERE, carried Bourget, to the north of Paris, but were unable to hold the place and retreated, having captured 100 prisoners. The forces of Gen. DUCROT were also engaged, south of the city, in a violent artillery action against Mount Ablon and Blancmesnil, and at night DUCROT occupied Groslay and Drangy. Gen. NOEL made a feint on the side of Mount Valerien, (west of Paris,) against MONTRETOUT, and Chief of Battalion FAUR, occupied the island of Chiard in the Seine. The mobilized National Guard fought with the troops in these engagements, and displayed great ardor. The garrison of St. Denis and the marines lost considerably in attacking Bourget, but the losses of the other troops were not heavy. Gen. TROCHU remains outside the city with the army.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from Versailles states that on Tuesday the fire from the fortifications of Paris was active but ineffective. During the cannonade a sortie was made by the French against the Prussian Guard and the Twelfth Corps. (Saxons.) The fighting lasted several hours. The German loss was small.

The Situation at Tours—Gambetta in Lyons—Indignation Over the Recent Assassination.

BORDEAUX, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Tours, bearing date of the evening of the 22d, and signed by the Mayor, informs the Department of the Interior that no more Prussians have entered the Department of Indre et Loire, and that those who were there have proceeded toward Blois, without entering Tours. ....A telegram from Lyons, 22d, says the entire population is indignant at the murder of M FONE. M. GAMBETTA was received at Lyons with the warmest acclamations and a universal request that the fullest measure of justice be accorded to the wretches who have disturbed the order of the city. Several persons have been arrested for complicity in the assassination of M. FONE.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The French claim to have severed FREDERICK CHARLES' communication, and to have captured 2,000 prisoners as the Germans were leaving Tours. They also report that the Army of the Loire has made a successful union, and is now 300,000 strong and ready for the offensive.

Miscellaneous Advices—Two French Defeats—The Hostilities in the North.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—The Germans under Gen. Count VON DER GOLTZ have surprised the French at Langres, in the Department of the Haute-Marne, and driven them from their position with heavy loss. Many prisoners and a large quantity of arms and baggage were taken. A body of Mobiles has been defeated by the Hanoverians under Gen. DE VOIGTS-RHETZ, beyond Monnaie, a town in the Department of Indre et Loire, eight miles north-north-east of Tours.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A Prussian column has been observed approaching Poulzicout and Rheims. It is supposed to be on the march for Laon, Lafère and Chaumy, to attack the French Army of the North.

CHERBOURG, Dec. 22.—A force of 1,000 men, fully equipped, left today for the field. Arms and equipments arrive in large quantities. The blockade of the Honfleur has been ordered.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

Continued Discussion of the Alabama Question in London—The Crown of Spain—A Protest from Don Carlos—Antwerp Glutted with Imports—Italy.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The *Times* of today again editorially discusses the question of the *Alabama* claims. It says: "The Americans are ready to fight, although they appreciate the value of peace, because their exposed points are few, and their resources unbounded. While they do not seek war, they are not likely to decline a challange. Whereas, England is always averse to war for converse reasons."....The weather today is cloudy and the eclipse of the sun was seen but imperfectly in the South of England. It was, however, well observed to the northward, particularly at Wick.

MADRID, Dec. 22.—New-Year's Day has been fixed for the entry to Madrid of the Duke of AOSTA. In the meantime he will remain at the royal palace at Aranjuez. DON CARLOS has issued a protest against the elevation of an Italian to the throne, and in support of his own claims thereto, which is supplemented by five letters from CHARLES ALBERT and VICTOR EMMANUEL. The Cortes is still engaged in the discussion of the motion for dissolution.

ANTWERP, Dec. 22.—Antwerp is so overstocked with importations that the authorities have given notice of their inability to give proper shelter to the goods. The wharves and docks are covered with merchandise, suffering from exposure to the elements.

FLORENCE, Dec. 21.—The bill ratifying the vote of the Roman people for annexation to Italy, has passed the Italian Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 239 to 20.

ASIA.

A Turkish Expedition Against the Arabs—Over Fifteen Thousand Troops Sent Forward.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 22.—A Turkish expedition has started for Yemen for operations against the Arabs. The troops already forwarded number 15,000, and reinforcements are to follow. [Yemen is a country in the south-western part of Arabia, forming the principal part of ancient Arabia Felix. It borders on the Red Sea, and consists mainly of an arid plain with a mountainous interior. It produces chiefly myrrh and coffee. The chief cities are Sana, Mocha and Aden. The last named is now occupied by the English.]

CANADA.

A Special Commissioner from England on the Fishery Question—A Great But Agreeable Disappointment—The Earthquake and Tidal Wave Fail to Keep the Astronomers' Appointment—The St. John Boatmen.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—It is reported that Sir JOHN ROSS is on his way to Canada intrusted with a mission from the British Government regarding the fisheries question. After consulting with the Dominion Government, Sir JOHN will proceed to Washington, with a view to conciliation and compromise....The Messrs. ALLEN, proprietors of the Montreal ocean steam-ships, contemplate establishing a steam fleet between Philadelphia and Liverpool. The people breathe freely again, now that the day has passed without an earthquake or a tidal wave in the Gulf. Observations were made during the day, but there were no signs of electric or other disturbances.

QUEBEC, Dec. 22.—The tide which was expected to be so high this morning, was, in fact, lower than usual. The people living along the water side, who had made preparations for protection against the great wave, returned to their dwellings relieved of anxiety. Those living on higher ground, who expected an earthquake, feel easier in their minds.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 22.—The tidal wave predicted for today, and which created so much alarm and uneasiness, did not make its appearance. The tide rose to the usual height. A meeting of the Paris crew and their supporters has been held, and it was resolved to bring about another match with the Tyne crew. The sum of $4,000 was subscribed for that purpose.

THE GEORGIA ELECTION.

Democratic Successes Throughout the State—The Majority of the Congressional Delegation Democratic.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—The official vote of Richmond County, shows that the Democratic ticket has been elected there by 800 majority. The Democrats carry the Fifth District by over 4,000 majority, and elect S. A. CORKER and D. M. DUBOISE to Congress, and four-fifths of the members of the Legislature.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 23.—It is believed that the Democrats have elected all the county officers in Chatham; also the members of the Legislature, PAINE and MCINTYRE, Democrats, are probably elected to Congress from the First District, and RUFUS E. LESTER, Democrat, is chosen State Senator.

Lexington—The Democrats carry Oglethorpe County by 300 majority.

Rome—Floyd County has gone Democratic by 1,000 majority. The full ticket of that party is chosen.

Chatanooga County—The entire Democratic ticket is elected.

Polk County—A Democratic majority here secures the triumph of the candidates of the party.

Cherokee County—The Democrats here returned a unanimous delegation to the Legislature.

Seventh Congressional District—P. M. B. Young, Democrat, is chosen by 3,000 majority.

Whitfield—This county has gone Democratic by a good majority.

Covington—Newton and Walton Counties are Democratic by large majorities.

Columbus—Muskogee County elects the entire Democratic ticket.

Chatahoochie—This county gives a Democratic majority of over 200.

Marion, Stewart, Harris and Talbot Counties are reported Democratic.

Third Congressional District—WILLIAM F. WRIGHT is thought to be certainly elected.

Macon and Quitman Counties are Democratic.

Bibb County elects a Republican to the Legislature. The average majority on the ticket is 38. Much illegal voting is charged, and a contest of the election is talked of.

Early, Sumter and Dooley Counties are Democratic.

Dougherty, Lee, Clay, Terrell and Calhoun Counties are doubtful.

Macon and Houston Counties are largely Republican.

Twigg County gives a Republican majority of 400. Jones County is supposed to be Democratic.

Wilkinson County is Republican.

Bibb County—Jefferson F. Long, Republican, beats Winborn J. Lawton, Democrat, for the Forty-first Congress by 51, and Thomas J. Spear, Republican, beats Lawton for the Forty-second Congress by 40.

THE WEST.

The Illinois Senatorial Contest—Tightness in the Chicago Money Market.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—Gen. JOHN A. LOGAN is in the city canvassing his prospects for the United States Senate. He thinks there is no doubt of his nomination in the caucus, but has fears that enough Republicans will remain out of caucus to effect his defeat....The money market here is close; some of the strongest houses have asked for an extension of time on their paper.

Burning of Brandenburg, Ky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23.—The entire business part of Brandenburg, Meade County, Ky., was burned early on Thursday morning. Only three business houses were saved from the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown, but commenced in the hotel. The loss is estimated at $100,000; insurance, $50,000.

THE EAST.

A Calm on the Summit of Mount Washington—Mills Burned at South Adams—Terrific Nitro-Glycerine Explosion—A Man Blown to Atoms.

SUMMIT MOUNT WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—At 7 P. M. the barometer stood 23.227 and the thermometer one degree below zero. Relative humidity, 68-100; wind north; velocity of wind, four miles per hour. This being the first calm day we have had in this month, it was duly appreciated by all the members of the expedition, by making an excursion to the head of Tuckerman Ravine and other places, to admire the grandeur of the frost-work. The artists were busily at work, and secured some very fine negatives. A bird's-eye view was taken by placing the camera on the ridge-pole of the Tip Top House.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 23.—The warp-mill of the Renfrew Manufacturing Company, at South Adams, was damaged $50,000 by fire, last night. The loss is fully insured....Fifteen hundred pounds of nitro-glycerine exploded at the Hoosac Tunnel, today. JOHN NELSON, the Superintendent, was blown to atoms.

The 3 P. M. Express Train for Boston Off the Track at Newington, Conn.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 23.—The Boston express train, from New-York at 3 P. M., ran off the track at Newington, the first station below this city, this evening. The engine fell on the other track, so that the wreck stops trains going either way. A brakeman was slightly hurt. No other person was injured. The express train was over an hour behind time, and ran off the track because the switch had been changed for a train on the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad. A construction train is clearing the track, and the delayed trains will be enabled to pass during the night.

A Sad Accident in Hartford—One Clergyman Killed and Another Dangerously Wounded by a Train of Cars.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 23.—Rev. COLLINS STONE, Principal of the American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb in this city, and Rev. JAMES W. STRONG, pastor of the Congregationalist Church at Faribault, Minn., were riding this afternoon in a covered carriage, near the residence of Mrs. HARRIET BEECHER STOWE, and attempted to cross the track of the Hartford and New-Haven Railroad at the Sigourney-street crossing as the 4:45 P. M. train was coming in from New-Haven, but were not quick enough to escape the engine, which struck the carriage, carrying it and its two occupants several rods before the train could be stopped. After being taken out of the carriage Mr. STONE died in a very few minutes. Mr. STRONG was taken to the American Asylum, where his wounds were dressed. One leg is badly shattered above the ankle, and he has some severe wounds in the head. He suffers severe pain, and is delirious. The physicians, however, think there is a chance of his recovery. He came East to attend the meeting of the Congregationalists, in Boston, yesterday.

SNOW AND FROST.

A Heavy Fall in the South—Drifts on the Plains—Railway Travel—Suspension of Mississippi Navigation.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 23.—A north-east snow-storm set in last night, lasting until daylight. About five inches of snow fell.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 23.—The weather is very cold. The heaviest snow-storm since 1857 fell last night. The snow still covers the ground.

CHEYENNE, W. T., Dec. 22.—The weather is cold and the snow drifting badly. Trains on the Union and the Denver Pacific Roads reach here on time.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 23.—Navigation is entirely suspended.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Gen. G. N. DODGE has been telegraphed to this city from Council Bluffs, dated Dec. 23, that the Union Pacific Railroad is all clear, and that there is no danger from snow.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The weather is intensely cold, and the thermometer falling.

Intense Frost in the West—From Eight to Twenty-Eight Degrees Below Zero.

DENVER, Colorado, Dec. 23.—The weather is more moderate today and sleghing is good.

ELIZABETHTOWN, New-Mexico, Dec. 23.—The thermometer, during the past week, ranged from 8° to 28° below zero. There are eigteen inches of snow at Taos, New-Mexico, and two to three feet in the mountain, insuring an abundant supply of water, an encouraging prospect for mining next season.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—This was decidly the coldest day this season. Early this morning the thermometer stood 16° below zero, and has ranged considerably below zero all day. At Peoria it was 20° below zero this morning; at Jacksonville, 10° below; at Bloomington, 22° below; at Geneseo, 16° below; at Lasalle, 14° below; at Mattoon, 11° and at Springfield 11°.

STAUNTON, Va., Dec. 23.—The weather is clear and very cold. The thermometer stood 10° above zero at sunrise. The ice is three inches thick. At Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, the mercury was down to zero at 7 A. M.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

HARRISBURG, Penn., Dec. 23.—The case of the Commonwealth *vs.* The Credit Mobilier of America, was closed at a late hour last evening. This morning Judge PEARSON delivered his charge to the jury, and in the afternoon a verdict was rendered that the Credit Mobilier pay into the treasury of the Commonwealth $636,868 33, the exact amount claimed.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 23.—SMITH N. FOWLER, of SMITH N. FOWLER & Co., whisky dealers, who made an assignment a month ago, has individually filed his petition in bankruptcy. His liabilities are stated at $97,000, and his assets at $14,000.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 23.—The trial of JOHN ARMSTRONG and CHARLES JOLLY for the murder of the LAPIN family near Potosi about a month ago, closed yesterday, and after an absence of only three minutes, the jury rendered a verdict of murder in the first degree. The murderers were sentenced to be hanged on the 27th of January.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—JACOB R. BEAR, charged with being a defaulter and with having escaped from Nebraska, was arrested in Oregon and sent East by the Pacific Railroad yesterday.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The Western Union Telegraph Company have opened an office at Suffield, Conn.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—The *Picayune* says BLANCHARD'S rejection created great excitement among the Republicans here, and great indignation against Senators HARRIS and KELLOGG. The Legislature will probably demand their resignations.

HAVANA, Dec. 23.—Three steamers have arrived from Spain, bringing 2,500 troops.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—It is snowing tonight, and is very cold.

Meteorological Record.

The following is the Signal Service report of the state of the weather and wind last night, Friday, Dec. 23, at 11:35 o'clock:

Place of Observation.	Height of Barometer.	Thermometer.	Direction of wind.	Velocity of wind, miles per hour.	Pressure of wind, Pounds per Sq. foot.	Force of wind, reduced to Beaufort scale (approximately.)	State of the weather.
Cheyenne	29.75	22	W.	12	.75	Brisk.	Clear.
Omaha	30.65	—6	S.	2	.02	Very gentle.	Clear.
St. Paul	30.45	—5	W.	4	.08	Gentle.	Clear.
Duluth	....	..	....	..	....	....	....
St. Louis	30.71	2	W.	12	.75	Brisk.	Clear.
New-Orleans	30.62	32	N.	25	3.00	Very brisk.	Clear.
Milwaukee	30.31	—8	N. W.	25	3.00	Very brisk.	Clear.
Chicago	30.52	—1	W.	4	.08	Gentle.	Clear.
Mobile	30.62	26	N. W.	25	3.00	Very brisk.	Clear.
Nashville	30.67	9	W.	25	3.00	Very brisk.	Fair.
Montgomery	....	..	....	..	....	....	....
Cincinnati	30.54	Zero.	N. W.	12	.75	Brisk.	Clear.
Toledo	30.33	—4	S. W.	4	.08	Gentle.	Clear.
Detroit	30.21	1	W.	12	.75	Brisk.	Clear.
Cleveland	30.29	3	S. W.	12	.75	Brisk.	Snow.
Lake City	30.36	27	N. W.	12	.75	Brisk.	Clear.
Augusta, Ga.	30.59	23	W.	25	3.00	Very brisk.	Clear.
Key West	....	..	....	..	....	....	....
Pittsburg	30.39	4	N. W.	12	.75	Brisk.	Fair.
Buffalo	30.04	13	W.	12	.75	Brisk.	Fair.
Rochester	30.07	13	W.	12	.75	Brisk.	Clear.
Oswego	29.95	20	N. W.	25	3.00	Very brisk.	Cloudy.
Washington	30.15	11	N.	25	3.00	Very brisk.	Clear.
New-York	29.97	24	N. W.	12	.75	Brisk.	Cloudy.
Boston	29.83	18	N.	2	.02	Very gentle.	Cloudy.

Barometer corrected for elevation and temperature.

An Altered Check Presented for Payment.

A check, purporting to be drawn by E. S. HIGGINS & Co., to the order of LAWRENCE & Co., brokers in Printing-house-square, was presented, yesterday afternoon, at the Park National Bank, upon which it was drawn by a stranger. It was for the large amount of $3,980 66, and the teller upon examining it thought it sufficiently suspicious to send a messenger to the office of LAWRENCE & Co. to inquire about it, and soon returned with the information that they had not authorized any one to present such check for payment. Inquiry was then made of E. S. HIGGINS & Co., when it was found that the check was genuine as to the signature, but that it had been drawn for $39 60, and it was therefore evident that it had been skillfully altered to $3,980 66. The person who presented it had, of course, not waited for all these inquiries to be made, and by the time the true character of the check had been discovered, he had disappeared. The Police, however, have a description of the person, and are upon his track.

Election of a Professor of Hamilton College.

From the Utica Observer, Dec. 22.

At Bagg's Hotel, yesterday afternoon, there was held a meeting of the Trustees of Hamilton College. After the transaction of miscellaneous business, Prof. ALBERT CHESTER, of Brooklyn, was unanimously chosen to fill the vacant chair of the Childs Professorship of Chemistry. Prof. CHESTER has, for four years, been connected with the chair of Chemistry of the Columbia College School of Mines, of which institution he is a graduate. The new Professor has the reputation of being an able and accomplished gentleman, and in every way fitted to do credit to the position made vacant by the recent death of Prof. EDWARD W. ROOT.

The Knoxville *Chronicle*, which claims to have a larger circulation than any other paper published in East Tennessee, is presenting to the people of its city and State, in a series of able articles, the imperative need of the immediate establishment of free schools, if they wish to attract immigrants and insure permanent prosperity.

EMERSON'S PILGRIMS' PROGRESS.

The Early Persecutions of the Puritans.

Their Stern Adherence to the Cause of Christian Truth.

Their Emigration to this Country—Their Trials and Tribulations—Final Triumph of Their Principles—Address of Ralph Waldo Emerson Before the New-England Society.

Mr. RALPH WALDO EMERSON, the "Sage of Concord," delivered his anxiously expected address before the New-England Society on the occasion of the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim fathers, last evening, at Steinway Hall, in the presence of a very large and appreciative audience. A large number of prominent members of the Bar, the Medical Faculty, and the Press occupied seats on the platform. Among those present were Hon. William M. Evarts, Ex-Attorney-General; William Cullen Bryant, George Jones, G. C. Ward, Col. Howe, Isaac H. Bailey, Rev. Dr. Osgood, Rev. Merrill Richardson, Rev. Dr. Deems, A. H. Purdy, and others.

Shortly after 8 o'clock, Mr. JOSEPH H. CHOATE, President of the New-England Society, accompanied by Mr. EMERSON, came on the platform, and were received with loud cheers. Mr CHOATE said:

INTRODUCTION BY MR. CHOATE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: In celebrating so signal an event as the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim fathers, we thought we should meet a general desire by returning for once to our ancient habit of a public address, now for some time disused, and of inviting for the purpose some distinguished son of the Pilgrims, who would speak with power and authority upon a subject so worthy of being well presented. It has been our rare good fortune to enlist the sympathies and aid of one of the most eminent citizens of Massachusetts—of a scholar who has contributed very largely, in his own person and by his own works, in elevating that great State to her present rank in the republic of letters—a prophet not only honored among his own neighbors and in his own country, but who finds eager listeners and devout followers in every land in which our common tongue is spoken. I have the honor of presenting to you Mr. RALPH WALDO EMERSON, of Concord. [Applause.]

MR. EMERSON'S ORATION.

Mr. EMERSON said: I greet this assemblage, met to honor, in these days of the solstice, the remembrance of this day, and to consider the past and the present. Under the thoughts of these days we meet as friends, though we were all strangers to each other. The impress of virtue of the founders of the American Republic and their fortunate glory—what a destiny that little patch of territory by the sea! The sands of Plymouth prove not a castle in Spain, but the immense mistake of their charter expressing the territory of lands given to the grantees as extending from the fortieth to the forty-eighth degree of north latitude and in longitude from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans. This immense mistake, incredible then, had they guessed its meaning, is literally correct today; but it has taken two hundred and fifty years to make it so. The growth of nations is not for the most part continuous, but intermittent by successive leaps; but this nation is exceptional. It has moved as the sea does; here are calms, and there are storms; but the great tidal-wave never stops until it reaches the bounds of the continent. We have in the two and a half centuries, outlived the rise and fall of many dynasties. Great destinies grow of their impediments as well or better, correct their faults, and draw new might out of them. It is a great work this people has accomplished, for it has taken so much time to do it. These men, these citizens, these planters at the little sandy Plymouth tried the crucial experiment of many failures of great nations, of France, of Spain, of Holland, and of England, some of them under renowned leaders and backed by Kings, to get a footing nearest to Europe on this continent, and all failing, these poor English outcasts, without the aid of their Government, nay, in spite of its jealousy and enmity, by the might of their virtue and by the diligence of their hands, and by the blessing of God, have today carried their plantation to its perfect success, and showed mankind how the work could be done. It was on a small scale; they were few in number; the land on which they lighted was a sandy desert; it has never grown to a large population or to a fruitful country, but all the more praise to them that against these disadvantages, they did by their good sense and their sublime virtue, teach mankind how to overcome all the evils that flesh is heir to, and build a free, honest and happy republic on a desert shore. [Applause.] Their example was fruitful exceedingly. They built year after year. As the news of their settlement, their stability and success reached Europe, new colonies arrived. They built Salem, Boston; they peopled Connecticut; they peopled New-Hampshire, Maine and Rhode Island; and, in the sequel, sent out their numbers and posterity from the furthest East to the furthest West. Gentlemen and ladies, you know that lately a careful study of English history has shown a distinction among those earlier settlers which adds to the honor of Plymouth. The English reformers in Queen ELIZABETH's time were two classes, called the Puritans and the Brownists or Separatists. After the death of HENRY VIII., the Brownists or Separatists resisted the Established Church, held that the Church was a spiritual association, Christ being its head. The Puritans returning from exile after ELIZABETH had settled the Establishment, were disappointed that the principles of the Reformation were not carried further, but most of them, the Puritans, accepted the changes that had been made, except royal supremacy and uniformity of Articles of Religion, these men remaining within the Church. ELIZABETH made it treason to worship except in accordance with the form prescribed by law, and the Separatists were brought to the scaffold. JOHN SCOPPING, alias Thatcher, was executed at Bury-St.-Edmonds, and great was the behavior of JOHN FLEMING, a Welshman, executed by Archbishop WHITCLIFFE in 1593. These Separatists are the originators and settlers of Plymouth Colony. There was nothing left for them but flight—their death was sure if they remained in England. JOHN ROBINSON, pastor of Scrowby, WILLIAM BREWSTER and WILLIAM BRADFORD, Governor of Plymouth, were Separatists. Later, under Archbishop BANCROFT, the Puritans also came under persecution, and then they formed the compact to go to America. In 1628 the Puritans said, "we don't go to New-England as separatists from the Church of England, though we cannot but separate from the corruptions in it. The fathers of Plymouth were not Puritans, but Brownists and Separatists, and commonly called by distinction Pilgrims because there was nothing but pilgrimage or flight before them while those who settled later as, for instance, the settlers of Boston in ten years later, Gov. WINTHROP and DUDLEY and others, were Puritans. Well, we are concerned at first at daybreak on the 9th of November, 1620. The 9th of November they set sail. The *Mayflower* came in sight, not of the banks of the Hudson, which was their destination, but of the white sands of Cape Cod, the bare and bended arm of Massachusetts. They steered to the south, but fearing the dangerous shores, returned and came within the Cape two days later, and anchored in the harbor of Provincetown. Their arrival was only the first step. The repairing of their boat, the searching, the weary searching of the shores in the snow and the frost—many of these necessities detained them long. Their survey to find a suitable country occupied thirty days, and not until Dec. 11, which in our calendar is the 21st of December, two hundred and fifty years ago, the exploring party of CORBIN, BRADFORD, WINSLOW, and seven others, with eight seamen, decided to plant themselves on the Plymouth shore, and the men returned to the ship with this news to the rest of their people, "which did most comfort their hearts." It took five days to bring the ship and its company into the harbor. After new surveys, and when with prayer and praise they had fixed on the spot whereon to build, they were still delayed by storm until Sacred Sunday, then laid out their little town on this anniversary, which is the 21st of December, and began their work on Christmas, which was Monday, the 25th of December. "Then we went on shore, some to fell timber, some to saw, some to carry, and no man rested on that day." It took long to gather materials of every kind, to lay out the loads for the public, and for the individual families. You know the endless afflictions that followed. Out of 101 which the company counted, half perished in the first year. When new recruits came they were scant of bread for themselves, they were forced to send vessels to Mott Haven to buy bread, and the ships that came fishing were compelled to live on clams, mussels and lobsters. The men, in companies of six or seven, took their turns in the boat, went out with the net and fished, and "returned not till they got some, though they be five or six days out." The rest went to range the forest for deer. JOHN SMITH says of this country: "Of all the four parts of the world I have yet seen and occupied, if I had the means to transport a colony, I would rather live in Massachusetts than anywhere, and if it did not maintain itself, were it but indifferently well fitted, let us starve." Massachusetts he calls the Paradise of this forest. It has high mountains; perhaps in Massachusetts then, he saw the peaks of the White Mountains. Like MORTON, the more he looked the more he liked the country. In 1620 the ground was covered with snow. Snow and moonlight make all places alike, and the miseries of the sea and the shrinking from cold of human beings and from hunger, must justify them. They next planted themseles at Medford. These men, using their eyes, instead of jumping at the first sight to land, wisely judged that their greatest safety was in a deep, wide bay with a considerable river penetrating the inland. In all ages the superstitious have believed that there are certain spots on the surface of the planet under the special protection of the deities. The great beauty of the surroundings of Rome has inspired many with a longing to live and die there. The Emperor CHARLES V. thought of Florence in the same manner, and London has laid its claims to the same character for the last thousand years. Physiologists have said there is in the air a hidden food of life, and they believed the air of mountains and seas predisposed men to rebellion. It was remarked that they were loth to change, both in religious and secular affairs, and it is remarked that such was the force of a New-England climate, that an eminent East Indian colonist says the usage and influence of the Hindoos so invades men of all classes and colors who deal with them that all—Hindoo, Affghan, Israelite, Christian—have passed under this influence, and have exchanged a good part of the patrimony of their ideas for the habitual tone of Indian society. He compares it to a geological phenomenon which he mentions as having the power of assimilating to itself every foreign substance introduced into its bosom. How can we not believe then in influences of climate and air, when as true philosophers we must believe that chemical atoms also have their spiritual cause? The carbon, oxygen, alum, iron—each has its origin in spiritual nature. Now we find in fact that he who lives one year in New-England, ranges through all the climates of the globe; and if the character of the people has a larger range and a greater versatility, perhaps it may be due from a climate of extremes, which at one season gives them the splendor of the equator, and then runs down to a cold which produces the temperature of celestial spaces. [Applause.] It is not a country of delightful climate or of delightful landscape, with the snows and east winds, of its changing skies, visited by icebergs, which, floating by, nip the breath of our blossoms; but wisdom is not found with those who dwell at their ease. Rather nature when she adds brain adds difficulty. I don't speak with any fondness or partiality, when I say that the capital of the Pilgrims, which took the place of the cold sandy shore on which they landed, commands attention as the town which was appointed in the destiny of nations to lead the civilization of North America. I have considered that city of New-England an exceptional community, that there the extraordinary, abundant means provided by private bounty and public lore, have enabled every poor man to secure to any talent in his child a good culture, and to the great multitudes of the middle classes a finished education, in its libraries and schools, scholarships and schools of design, and in the great sympathy of the community with any spiritual talent. What VASSARI says thirty years ago of the republican City of Florence may, I think, safely be said of Boston. VASSARI affirms that a desire for glory and honor is powerfully generated by the air that plays—in the men of every profession, whereby all who profess talent are impelled to struggle that they may not remain in the same grade with those whom they perceive to be only men like themselves, and even though they may acknowledge such, indeed, to be masters, and all labor by every means to be foremost. And we find no less a stimulus in our native air, in our native blood, which Puritanism has not sufficiently chastised, and at least an equal freedom in our laws and customs, with as many and as tempting rewards to toil, and with so many philanthropic charities tempting us to be just and good. The capital fact distinguishes this colony from all other colonies, that the persons composing it—the colony of Massachusetts into which the Plymouth colony was resolved—that the persons composing it consented to come on the one condition, that the charter should be transferred from the company in England to themselves, and so brought the government with them.

In sixty-eight years after its foundation Dr. MATHER writes of it: "The town hath indeed three elder sisters in this colony, but it hath wonderfully outgrown them all, and her mother, that Boston, in England also. Yea, within a few years after the first settlement, it grew to be the metropolis of the whole of North America. The town has a history. It is not an accident. It is not a windmill, a railroad station, or a cross-roads tavern, but it is a city of humanity, of men of principles obeying a sentiment and marching loyally whither that should lead them; so that its annals are great historical lines inextricably national, leading the fortunes of North America, part of the history of political liberty. [Applause.] How easy it is, after the city is built, to see where it ought to stand in our beautiful bay—in Massachusetts Bay—covered with sails from every port, with its islands hospitably shining in the sun; with its shores treading steadily from the two arms; the capes of Massachusetts, which stretch out to the sea where the diamonds and sapphires sparkle through the haze. But it took ten years to find this out. There are always men ready for adventures, more in an over-governed, over-peopled country, where all the professions are crowded and all character suppressed, than elsewhere. This thirst for adventure, for war, for crusades, for gold mines in a new country, speak to the imagination, and offer free swing to the confined powers. There is always there and elsewhere a class of innovation and one of repose. In political economy all capital is new. The fruit of the last night or two is always that which is consumed today. Waste England, waste France, waste every city and every town, and in a year or two there is just as much wheat and hay as in the barns and fields before. It does not take some men long to build. Why, it is in the memory of all of us when the solid City of San Francisco went up like a peddler's booth at a muster or a camp tent in an army. The planters in Massachusetts do not appear to have been hardy men; rather, comfortable citizens, not at all accustomed to the rough task of discoverers; but they exaggerated their troubles. Bears and wolves were many but early, they believed, and affirmed they were lions. Capt. JOHN SMITH was near to death by being stung by the most poisonous tail of a fish called a sting-ray. [Laughter.] In a journey from Boston to Massachusetts they fainted from the powerful odor of sweet fern in the sun. In the Icelandic expedition some of the adventurers ate so many strange grapes from the wild vines that they were reeling drunk. [Laughter.] Well, nature has never again indulged in these exasperations. [Laughter.] It seems to have been the last outrage ever committed by the sting-ray, the fern or the grapes. [Laughter.] They have been of peaceable behavior ever since. Every engineer or lumberman is accustomed to feats of more danger than any race except the hostile Indians. The lions have never reappeared, but the awe was real and overpowering in the superstition with which every object was magnified. The dangers of the wilderness were unexplored, and at that time the terrors of witchcraft, of evil spirits, still clouded the idea of God in the mind of the Purist. The leaders, however, were educated, polite persons, men of mark, good estate, and still more, elevated by devout lives. As cloud on cloud, as snow on snow, as the bird on air, as the planet rests on space, in its flight, so do natures of men and their institutions rest on thoughts. The pure truth was not to be guessed from the rude vizard under which it went masquerading. The common eye cannot tell the bird by seeing the egg, nor distinguish the pure truth from the grotesque tenet which shields it. So these Englishmen of the middle ages, still obscuring their reason, were filled with Christian thought. They had a culture of their own. They read THOMAS A KEMPIS and BUNYAN. They were the idealists of England—the most religious in a religious era. Who can read the fiery ejaculations of ST. AUGUSTINE—a man of almost as clear sight as any other—of THOMAS A KEMPIS, of BUNYAN, without feeling not so much the culture as the higher life they owed to the promptings of this sentiment? Who can read the highest diaries of Englishmen in the time of the Commonwealth and later, without a sigh that we write no diaries today? Who shall restore to us the odoriferous Sabbaths which made this humble roof a sanctuary? I trace to this religious sentiment and its culture, great and salutary results to the character of the people of New-England. Culture of the intellect in the first place. It was these men who, five years after their landing in Boston, founded Harvard University. Many and rich are the fruits of that simple statute of the governing Court of Massachusetts, "ordered, to the end that learning may not be buried in the graves of our fathers, that every township, after the Lord hath increased them to fifty households, shall appoint one to teach all the children to read and write," and so forth; "and when they shall have increased to a hundred families that they shall set up a grammar school," to the end that they should be fitted for the University. The laborious and rude population of New-England always somewhat leaned to grace and elegance; you sometimes meet among them that refinement which no education or habit of study can bestow, which makes the elegance of wealth look stupid, and unites itself by a natural affinity to the highest minds of the world; which nourishes itself on DANTE, MICHAEL ANGELO and MILTON, and whatever is pure and sublime on earth; which gave hospitality in that country to the spirit of COLERIDGE and WORDSWORTH, and to the music of BEETHOVEN, before his genius found welcome in Great Britain. [Applause.] It is the property of the religious spirit to be the most refining of all influences. No external advantages, no culture of the tastes, no habit of command, no association with the elegant, or even depth of affection can bestow that delicacy and that grandeur of bearing which belong only to the mind accustomed to celestial conversation—all else is but gilt and cosmetics, beside this, as expressed in every look and gesture. As DANTE said: "Heat cannot be separated from fire, or beauty from the eternal," and this sentiment gives a rich purpose to generous and manly schemes. SMITH tells us that thirty or forty sail went to trade in fish yearly, but nothing would be done for this plantation till those Brownists went to the Massachusetts shore. The action of WENDELOTT and WYNTHROPP, in securing a charter for Massachusetts, shows as if they felt the danger which threatened the institutions of home. They wished to make a New-England with the habits of youth. The great speed and success which distinguished the planting of the Massachusetts colony over any other in history, owe themselves to two considerations mainly—the subdivision of the State into small corporations of land and power, and the subdivision of power, each man forming part of that perfect structure growing out of the necessities of the occasion. Instructed by necessity, each little colony organized itself after the pattern of the large towns, and appointed its half conservative and half military officers. In 1633 the general Court appointed selectmen as townsmen. In 1634 a committee repaired to Gov. WYNTHROPP for counsel, and he told them to send deputies every year to revise the laws, and that became in 1644 essentially the same as today. The Governor, in these conferences, conspires with the townsmen in limiting his claims to their obedience and values their love more than his chartered authority. The disputes between him and the deputies are like the quarrels of girls, so full of complaints of "unkindness," and ending in loving reconciliation. [Laughter.] The great secret of political science was unclosed, and every individual was given his full weight in the Government. The poor and the rich gave counsel; every acre of land, every bushel of rye had its weight. Wrath and love came to the town meeting in company. In 1641 a law was passed that every man might introduce any business into the public meetings—[applause;] the ill-spelled pages of the town record contain the results; and every symptom of meanness and pique in those books is proof that justice was done. If good counsel prevailed, sneaking counsel did not fail to be presented; and if freedom triumphed it was an everlasting proof of those men's capacity for self-government. In the Church of Boston all ranks were abolished in the covenant, they stood in awe of each other as religious men, and the chords of authority were there examined for their soundness. They were to settle the constitution of the towns, and the Governor conspires with them to limit his authority. WYNTHROP tells how he received gratuities from various towns with great comfort and content, and kindnesses from particular persons, which he did not refuse, lest he should be considered uncourteous, but he received them with an overflowing heart, conscious of his own infirmity—[laughter;] and he beseeches that they will not take it ill if he refuses presents from private persons, except they were members of the Council or private friends; and after that speech he was told many good persons were grieved, because he never had any allowance toward the charge of his place. The ambition of power then had not the greediness of today. It was for him a place of great labor, and there was no reward of money, but great risk of spending his own estate. In 1623 it was enacted, by consent of the freemen of New-Plymouth, that if any man was elected Governor and would not stand to the election, he should be amerced in £20 sterling, [laughter,] to be levied on the goods and chattels of the person so refusing; and if any one was elected to the office of counsel, and refused to hold the place, he should be amerced in a £10 sterling fine. In time with all their love for his person they took immense pleasure in turning out the Governor and his deputy, and his assistants, and contravening the counsel of the clergy, when they urged as JOHN COTTON did, that they should make the Governor perpetual, that they should make the office of the Assistant perpetual. In Boston the inhabitants would defend each other against bad Governors and the troops, and quite naturally house-rents rose in Boston. There never was wanting some thorn of dissent and innovation to prick the sides of conservatism in that town. [Applause.] I know that history contains many black lines of cruel injustice—the murder of Quakers, the murder of MIANTONOMOH, the Indian Princess, the persecution of WHEELWRIGHT, and other acts of injustice, but the seed of prosperity was planted. It is the honorable distinction of that first colony of Plymouth, of the Pilgrims, not of the Puritans, that they did not persecute; that those same persons who were driven out of Massachusetts then were received in Plymouth. They did not banish the Quakers. [Applause.] These people did not gather where they had not sowed. They did not try to unlock the treasure of the world, except by honest labor. The American colony filled its own borders with a denser population than any other American State. Boston is sometimes pushed in a theatrical attitude of virtue to which as a mass she is not entitled, and cannot keep; but the genius of the place is seen in their independence, the protective power and the Northern cuteness of mind which in nature is hostile to oppression. America is growing like a cloud. The State papers that have emanated from Boston, from its Gov. WYNTHROP down to its Gov. ANDREW and CLAFLIN, have drawn admiration, while the decisions of its Courts are respectable and respected. Literary ability was brought with us when we came, and it was never quite lost. *Mathers Magalia*, the first important book by a native in this country, has a vitality still which makes it entertaining reading. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN knew how to write, and JOHN THOMAS also. The Fourth of July orations I give up to the compliments of the official bodies who heard them [laughter] and the American sermons before the days of CHANNING I leave to those who heard them. I confess I do not find in Boston, with all the education of our people, a fair share of originality of thought. Not any remarkable book of wisdom, not any broad generalization, no national anthem have they yet contributed. Nature is a frugal mother, and never gives without measure. When she has work to do she qualifies men for that and sends them equipped for that. In Massachusetts she did not want big poems, I suppose, but planters and mills and farmers to till and harvest corn. Boston never wanted a good principle of rebellion from the planting of it until now. There is always a minority unconvinced. Some Wheelwright or defender of Wheelwright; some protester against the cruelty of the magistrate to the Quakers; some John Thomas or Josiah Quincy to undertake and perform the defense of Capt. PRESCOTT in the Courts against the uproar of all the Province; some defender of the slave against the politician and the merchant—[applause;] some champion of first principles of humanity against the rich; some adversary of the death penalty; some pleader for peace; some noble President who will not stoop to infamy when all were gone mad, but will stand for liberty and justice if alone. [Applause.] I fear to confine your attention too long to the annals of this town, though I am presuming on the presence of the friends of New-England, and, therefore, such details are not impertinent, but we will say that never country had such a fortune, as men call fortune, as this of ours in its geography, its history, and the advantage which the American has over all other nations. Well, one of them is his domain. Great country expands our views of men and things. Room it gives for wide variety of talent. America is England seen through a magnifying glass. There can be no famine in a country reaching through so many degrees of latitude as ours; no want that cannot be supplied. Critics regret the attachment of the Puritans to this country without the aristocracy, which reminds one of the Swiss mountaineer, who, when shown a handsome Englishman, cried out "What a pity he has no goitre." [Applause.] The after historian will record the objection of the Puritans to an aristocracy as a gain to mankind. For what principally characterizes America is the mobility of her institutions. It is the perpetual insurrection which is the quality which secures their continuity, and rectifies all errors by perpetual appeals to the people. England has a great deal of cheap wit upon America. She dislikes our manners, gives us kind counsel, and is often quite right in her criticisms; we make the same ourselves. But is this the real opinion of England which we read in the London *Times*, *Punch*, and other journals? I think not. I rather choose to read British opinions in what is—in this, it is mainly in the immense emigration of English people to these shores, the immense commerce that is carried on between London and New-York, the immense investment of British capital in this country. [Applause.] The American sits secure in the possession of his vast domain, sees its inevitable force unlocking itself in elemental order day by day and year by year, looks from his coal-fields, his wheat-bearing prairies, his gold mines to his two oceans on either side, regards with security not only the annexation of English colonies, but the annexation of England. [Great applause.] England has long been the cashier of the world, but the English merchant must soon pass from India by the Pacific Railroad and must make his exchanges in New-York. This is but a type of many other changes. We read without pain what they say to the advantage of England and to the disadvantage of America, for are we not the heir? "Percy is but the factor good my Lord." [Laughter.] England has made herself the founder of her colonies—educating the native population in good schools, putting them in good employment, aiming to put them in a condition to tend to their own affairs. England should say "Go; I have given you English equality, English laws, manners and customs; de-Angelicise yourselves if you can." When we see for ourselves that her own foreign interest is to assure herself at all times of the friendly relations of America, which is one with her by speech, by religious equality, and by equal civilization. In all the dangers which are likely to threaten her from other nations, America is sure to sympathize with her, and extend a protection as noble to bestow as to receive. In estimating nations, it is well to consider the nature that is underneath; thus, in England, it is well to consider what criticism can we make. There are noble men there, yet all thoughtful men know that the force of that race may still any day turn out a better man than any now there. England has a higher drastic school, has more writers, but we read out of her books; she has a better poet, they have a better blowpipe, but we have a continent full of coal. England has six bonds of chartism they; are all granted here; let us see what they are: Universal suffrage, vote by ballot, paid legislation, annual Parliament, equality of electoral districts, no property qualification. They have all been granted here; England has still a load to carry. We began with this freedom and are defended from shocks for a century by the celerity with which every measure of reform can instantly be carried. I have detained you on the history of this experiment. We have seen the little colony of Plymouth merge itself in the State of Massachusetts, represented by Boston. That little representative town has grown to a census of 270,000 souls. We have seen that she has prospered by adhering to the moral power of her forefathers, and the other cities into which she has sent her sons have almost outgrown the little town from which they departed, and I know you will join me in the hope that every child of hers will keep her name as clean as the sun, and in distant years may read the motto on her shield, *Sicut patribus sit Deus vobiscum*, should be the prayer of millions in all the families in all the lands into which our children have emigrated. May they always say, God be with us; *Sicut patribus sit Deus vobiscum.*

THE EVERGREEN TRADE.

A Brisk Holiday Business—Immense Stock in the Market.

The evergreen trade of New-York has grown to enormous proportions. At this season it is a standard department in our market. It embraces not only the sale of trees and pines of a bright green hue, but imitation paper flowers of various colors. In 1850 there were about 18,000 trees and 34,000 yards of wreathing. In 1862 there were 113,000 trees and nearly 200,000 yards of evergreen rope. At the present time there are about 140,000 trees and an immense quantity of rope in the market, a most remarkable increase, and probably an overstock. All the varieties are furnished in profusion. The cedar, hemlock, spruce, balsam and pine trees are mostly brought from the Hudson Highlands and Catskill Mountains; but a great many are taken from Maine. Steamer and sloop loads arrived a fortnight ago. The laurel, holly, pine, box, myrtle and "princess feather" for the most part are supplied from New-Jersey. The principal depots are in Barclay and Vesey streets, between Greenwich and the river, but along West, Greenwich and other streets there are vast collections. In each of the two first-named localities there are not less than 10,000 trees, and huge masses of vines and wreaths, stars, crosses, rope and other devices. Some of these are exceedingly beautiful. The evergreen "rope" is made in the mountain districts, by girls. It is mainly composed of "princess feather," a fuzzy mountain-side dwarf plant; sometimes holly with brilliant vermilion berries, myrtle with glossy leaves, or hemlock buds, are intertwined. The same material, with spruce and box, is used in the manufacture of church-wall ornaments. Paper flowers of brilliant tints frequently garnish the long festoons. Trees of all sizes and prices—from five cents to $30—abound. They vary in height from three to thirty feet. Those over ten feet in length are only in demand for churches and public institutions. The "rope" sells in quantities at from four to six cents per yard. All devices are rated according to their size and skillful production.

The expenditure for evergreens during the holiday season sums up an immense figure. The bulk of the trade is done before Christmas Day. The profit, of course, is large, and mostly is reaped by the Hudson mountaineers, whose expenses are light and investment small. They cut their stock from wild, valueless ground, at inconsiderable cost, and freight it by water-routes, at very low rates. Cartage is the greatest item of expense, and that is avoided as much as possible here, by selling stock near the wharf of landing. The churches are among the best customers, especially those of the Episcopal denomination. Usually they purchase a number of loads, convey them to their basement or chapel, and manufacture such decorations as are wanted. The young gentlemen and ladies of the parish assemble on the evenings preceding Christmas Day, and deck the edifice. Such occasions are full of interest, for while fair hands nimbly make garlands and emblems, and manly forms venture aloft to put them in place, under the critical eyes of elders, there are not unfrequently, by word, glance, or other incidentals, friendships formed that merge into closer bonds. The expenditure of Trinity Parish for this season's evergreen decorations will amount to about $800. This will be divided between Trinity Church, St. Paul's, St. John's, Trinity, St. Chrysostom and St. Augustine Chapels. St. Thomas' Church, in Fifth-avenue, will expend nearly $500, and will probably have the most gorgeous display. The evergreens with which St. George's Church is decorated cost $400. These churches will also use a large number of fresh, rare, costly and beautiful flowers. Considerable quantities of evergreen embellishments are now used by most of the other churches, but in a more limited degree. This is a recent innovation, but its popularity is rapidly increasing. The number of "gift" or Christmas trees used by churches and other organizations, as well as in families, is not known, but is exceedingly great. It is a universal custom to use evergreen decorations on Christmas Day, and almost every room, house, store, office—even to the apple-stands, public vehicles, horses and equipages—are adorned by at least an emerald-tinted sprig of cedar.

The scenes in the vicinity of the evergreen head-quarters, near Washington Market, yesterday, were peculiar and memorable. In places the streets were piled with solid masses of trees, vines and bushes, which looked like brief ranges of hills. The sidewalks were walled in by tall cypress and cedar clumps, which effectually excluded the sunlight, and compelled the storekeepers to use gas. The tree-sellers pay rent—sometimes $100 for a small space for ten days—to these storekeepers. Besides this "City permit," charges are paid. In the usual "jam" of wagons, nearly every one had a load of evergreens, and pedestrians carried hands or arms full. Throngs gathered to purchase. All over the City are quantities of these ornaments and branches offered for sale. In every direction the eye meets a profusion of these evergreens, beautiful emblems of immortality, and symbols of the season of "peace and good-will toward men."

Further Outrages by Dry Goods Clerks.

Last evening, a number of young men alleged to be members of the Dry Goods Clerks' Early Closing Association, gathered in front of the store of SUGDEN & BRADBURY, in the Bowery, near Bleecker-street, which at the time was open and doing business. The gang suddenly attacked the windows with stones, breaking two large plate-glasses, valued at $250. The Police were near enough to the scene of the outrage to succeed in arresting one of the miscreants concerned in it, who upon being taken to the Fourteenth Precinct Station-house gave his name as DAVID WALSH. There were other similar outrages perpetrated at other stores in the Bowery and Grand-street during the evening, but in none of these cases was the damage so great or the demonstration so vehement. It appears that SUGDEN & BRADBURY have been keeping their store open later than usual during the last few evenings to accommodate the holiday trade, and had been waited upon by the Executive Committee of the Dry Goods Clerks' Early Closing Association with a remonstrance, to which they paid no attention. It is stated that this indifference to the official protest of the Association was the cause of the outrage last evening.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS.

How the Festival Will be Observed in This City.

The Public and the Private Institutions —The Family Circle—Church Decorations and Church Services.

The churches, Sunday-schools, public institutions, benevolent and charitable organizations, and private families, have launched out upon an unusually liberal and extensive scale in their preparations for Christmas this year. The "oldest inhabitants" are amazed, and their juniors most agreeably surprised at the transformation time has wrought in this custom. Less than a score of years ago, the day was rarely celebrated by any outside the membership of Catholic and Episcopal Churches, and even these observed it more as an ecclesiastical festival than as a public holiday. Business generally was not suspended, and all the world seemed to labor as usual. But a great and permanent change has been effected. It is now a universal day of jubilee—of sacred rejoicing in the churches, and of gladsome mirth in the social circles. The ancient and pleasant observances of old England and the Continent have become established. Beautiful evergreens meet the eye in every direction. The churches, public places, and family dwellings are decked in living verdure, fragrant with the aroma of winter-lillies, cedar-buds, and hemlock, pine, box, or myrtle blossoms, and radiant with many-clustering lights. None are so poor that they cannot have at least a green sprig or branch, if not garlands, in their home, and enjoy a Christmas tree in some public place, and few are without their share of the Santa Claus gifts scattered among the people. Public sentiment has now become adapted to the periodical appeals from the benevolent in behalf of the under-strata of society. Each succeeding year brings a more hearty and ample response. Were the lists of donations and donors made known, it would surprise the public. In many cases most liberal and unsolicited amounts are given where the donors' identity is not suspected. Let it be added here, that the inexperienced and doubtful can have any amount of wholesome satisfaction by following their donations with their presence. They will see the light of happy faces, and hear the chimes of merry voices—a spectacle that blesses the vision with the consciousness of a good deed well done. The reader will find such a test to be the best appetizer in the world. Just think of it—that there are benevolent societies in this great Metropolis that take charge of from two to twelve hundred children, and are about the only anchor that holds them from utter destruction. What a grand system! We know that it prevents crime, that it keeps hundreds of children out of the streets, that it keeps boys out of the bar-rooms, gambling-houses, and prisons, and girls out of concert saloons, dance-houses, and brothels, and that it makes hundreds of cellar and attic homes more cleanly, more healthful, more happy, and less wretched, wicked and hopeless.

THE FIVE POINTS MISSION.

The Five Points Mission will have its celebration on Monday, the 26th inst., at 1 o'clock, Rev. J. N. SCHAFFER, the Superintendent, has arranged for the most time that has ever yet occurred in that institution. The 600 little ones will assemble in the large hall, where a magnificent Christmas tree is to be displayed. It will be loaded with toys and other good things, and while the gleeful songs of the children are sung, Santa Claus himself will descend through the chimney, clothed in furs, and powdered with snow-flakes. He will pluck the fruit from the tree, and make every one happy with a gift—calling out the names of each recipient, with quaint and humorous remarks. A quantity of toys and a considerable amount of money has already been given and more will be welcomed.

THE HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

MR. WM. F. BARNARD, Superintendent of the Five Points House of Industry, is making preparations on an unprecedented scale. The 400 children under his charge can hardly restrain their gleeful anticipations. On Monday chapel services will commence at 12 o'clock. At 2 the doors of the great dining hall will be thrown open, and the children will partake of a sumptuous dinner of chicken, turkey, Christmas pudding, &c. At 3 o'clock they will reassemble in the chapel around the great Christmas tree, which will hang heavy with beautiful toys and glisten with a thousand tiny candles. Under its branches will be a mammoth shoe, inside of which will be one of the little girls, spectacled and capped to personate "the old woman in the shoe." She will distribute a profusion of gifts to her companions, with the recitation of an appropriate address in rhyme. There will be brief addresses from Rev. THEO. L. CUYLER, D. D., and others; also music, and songs by the children. This will be one of the most unique and interesting celebrations of the day. Although a large number of donations have been received, there is yet room for more.

THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

The Children's Aid Society provide for their multitude of beneficiaries with most judicious generosity. All their industrial schools, scattered in various quarters of the City, are kindly remembered. Each school will have a commemoration of the Nativity Festival on separate days either before or after the 25th inst. Green garlands, generous paste, music and good cheer will make them a happy Christmas-tide. At their Newsboys' Lodging House in Park-place, the juvenile newsdealers will be treated to a bountiful dinner of poultry, meats, vegetables, coffee, tea and pies. This will occur on Monday evening, at 7½ o'clock. Donations of food and money have already been received, and more will be accepted. Mr. O'CONNOR, the Superintendent, will be delighted to receive any number of visitors. The display of gastronomic powers by these lively urchins will be a marvelous spectacle.

THE HOWARD MISSION.

Mr. VAN METER, the indefatigable Superintendent of the Howard Mission, has distributed 4,000 of "Old Santa Claus" Christmas bags among various Sunday-schools. The scholars are expected to fill them with Christmas gifts and return them before 10 o'clock Monday morning. On the outside of these bags will be an excellent synopsis in print of the programme of the day and the work of the Mission. They received more than 10,000 little ones during the last ten years, and placed many of them in good homes, and now more than 800 come to the day and Sunday-schools; 147 of the mothers are widows, and 176 of these little boys and girls go out on the streets and docks to pick coal and wood for their fire. The Winter is just at hand, and Mr. VAN METER says he must have by Christmas 147 bed quilts for these 147 widows and their fatherless children, and 600 pairs of shoes for his little boys and girls. One of the pleasantest features of the occasion will be the opening of the "Day Nursery." It is an apartment newly, neatly and conveniently arranged for the daily reception of nursing babes while the mothers are gone to their work.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, with characteristic generosity, on Sunday noon will spread a bountiful dinner at their Newsboys' Lodging-house, 44 Warren-street, where about fifty lads will be feasted upon choice poultry, meats, oysters, pudding, pies, tea, coffee, cakes and candies. Although this is a recently established institution, it is in excellent order, and has already accomplished much good. Those who consider what incalculable good is done by such an organization will gladly lend their countenance and aid to sustain it. Visitors are always welcomed by the Superintendent, and will be hospitably received on this merry occasion.

THE HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS.

The Home of the Friendless, in Thirtieth-street, near Fourth-avenue, will make the hearts of its 200 inmates glad on Tuesday evening at 7½ o'clock. A large and splendid Christmas tree will be placed in the chapel. Kind-hearted friends will load its branches with childish treasures, which are to be distributed among them. Sweet singing, addresses and frolic will occupy the hour. The nine Industrial Schools connected with this Society, and located in various sections of the City, will enjoy their celebrations on different days.

THE CITY MISSION.

The City Mission is an organization different from all others. It accomplishes an immense amount of good work among a class of the social under-crust, not reached otherwise. A mere statement of what it has done, and intends to do, is always sufficient without any formal appeal to obtain the necessary means. Its support is considerably made up of anonymous donations, and among its regular contributors are many of the wealthiest merchants in the City. The tireless, ubiquitous Superintendent, Rev. GEORGE J. MINGINS, announces a generous Christmas celebration for his protégés. A good dinner of poultry, meats, tea and coffee will be given at the following times and places: On Monday, Dec. 26, at 10½ A. M., to 700 persons, at Olivet Chapel, No. 63 Second-street. At 3 o'clock P. M: on the same day, to 350 people, at Lebanon Chapel, No. 70 Columbia-street. On Tuesday, 27th, at 7½ o'clock P. M., to 200 persons, at the same chapel. On Thursday, 29th, at 7½ o'clock P. M., to 100 persons, at Calvary Chapel, No. 159 Worth-street. On Friday, Dec. 30, at 7½ o'clock P. M., to 400 persons, at Olivet Chapel. At the First and Eighth Ward, and Carmel Chapel Missions, 650 other persons will be feasted. On each of these occasions music will be furnished by a brass band, and addresses will be made. These will be rare opportunities for visitors to get a glimpse of the New-York City Mission work, and of life among the lowly, erring and wretched.

ST. BARNABAS HOUSE.

St. Barnabas House, No. 304 Mulberry-street, will give an excellent dinner to their 400 beneficiaries, including those of their Home, reading-room and Sunday-schools, this afternoon. On Monday, at 8 P. M., a portion of the children will have their Christmas tree in the chapel. The others will enjoy their celebration at the same place on Wednesday, at 7½ P. M. Here, as a place of refuge, are received homeless women and children applying from the streets or wandering in from the country, also women discharged from the hospital cured but requiring a few days of repose to gain strength, yet having no home or friends in the City, and no money to journey in search of them elsewhere. St. Barnabas is intended for a temporary resting place, accordingly, within the first week of residence, the larger part of those received are sent to situations, to other institutions or to their homes. The average stay of 2,150 women in the house in 1869 was three and one-fifth days.

THE WILSON MISSION.

On Monday, at 10 A. M., 400 Sunday-school children of the Wilson Mission, corner of Eighth-street and Avenue A, will assemble in their chapel, where there will be music, addresses and a distribution of "Santa Claus" bags, filled with various kinds of goodies. The same celebration will be had by 200 children of the industrial schools. Here, the "Gospel is preached to the poor," the children are gathered together, not only on Sundays, but during the week, in a day school, and are clothed and fed. The older girls are trained for a variety of occupations, that they may earn for themselves a respectable livelihood; and from here the missionary and Bible-woman go out to their work.

THE MAGDALENS.

It is difficult to conceive of a more touching spectacle than that of the many "soiled doves," who

"Once were as pure as the beautiful snow,"

and in some cases were more sinned against than sinning, now gathered in the "Magdalen Asylum," at Fifth-avenue and Eighty-eighth-street; the "House of Mercy," at Eighty-sixth-street, North River; the "Midnight Mission," at No. 55 Amity-street, and the "Home," in Fourth-street. The inmates will all have a merry Christmas. Many of them retain much of their former beauty, refinement and accomplishments, and not a few have been most respectably connected. Their natures are acutely sensitive in the work of redeeming their past record, and (very wisely) the managers shield them from the curious gaze of visitors.

THE SHELTERING ARMS.

About 150 children folded in "the Sheltering Arms," at Tenth-avenue and One Hundred and Thirtieth-street, will enjoy their Christmas tree, with its almost innumerable gifts, on Wednesday evening. There will be addresses, music, and every enjoyment dear to childish minds. This institution cares for those orphans or half orphans whose parents have no home to provide for them, and leave them, without adoption, until they can again come and claim them.

OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

At all other charitable and reformatory institutions, public and private, there will be a celebration of some sort or other, to which the public generally are invited; and several Sunday-schools will observe the day appropriately by feeding the poor.

The Episcopal Churches.

The Episcopal churches are all "decked in living green." The "box, the fir, and the pine tree together" are interwoven in almost every conceivable shape to commemorate the joyful occasion. The Christmas services take place in the churches on Sunday. While the quantity of evergreens used this year far exceeds that of all previous seasons, the quality has decidedly changed. There has been a great improvement in the style of ornamentation. In former years the fashion seemed to tend toward the ponderous and unwieldy. Now the symmetrical, delicate, fine lines prevail. There is also a more refined taste in the choice of designs, which is really becoming an artistic study. While some of the congregations meet and prepare the evergreens, a floral artist is secured to place them in position.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Trinity Church has a smaller amount, but a more beautiful arrangement, of evergreens this year than ever before. Festoons of laurel, cypress and holly are looped gracefully along the walls of the aisles, between the windows, about the pillars and along the great organ gallery in the tower. Trees fill the window corners, and are tastely disposed in other places. The mural tablets and medallions are also beautifully adorned with choicest garlands. The great font in front of the chancel will have a pyramidal bouquet of rare and fragrant flowers. The altar cross will be bound in lilies and camellias and the lectern eagle will carry in his beak a wreath of box and myrtle. The services to-morrow will be about the most imposing that have ever occurred there. In addition to the great and choir organs, there will be a splendid brass band of thirty pieces which will occupy a position in the tower gallery, on a platform built expressly for the purpose. At 9 o'clock, Mr. JAMES AYLIFFE will begin to ring the chimes, according to the programme published in Thursday's TIMES. At the same time the children will gather around the chancel and sing their Christmas carol. At 11 o'clock the following order of service will be performed:

Opening Voluntary—"Adeste Fideles"....O. P. Boise
Processional Hymn—"O Come all ye Faithful."

LITANY.

Introit—Titus 2, 11, Psalm 98, 3, St. John, 1, 4...Barnby
Kyrie.....Haydn
Nicene Creed.....Haydn

SERMON BY REV. DR. VINTON.

Offertory—Recitative, Trio and Chorus..Mendelssohn
Sursum Corda.....Tallis
Sanctus.....Haydn
Agnus Dei—Missa de Angelis.
Gloria in Excelsis.....Haydn
Nunc Dimittis.
Recessional Hymn—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

The vocal music will be rendered by a choir of 100 men and lads, under the direction of Mr. MESSITER. The organs will be in charge of Mr. MORGAN. The band is composed of members of the Euterpe Society. It is expected that the effect of this combination will far surpass anything ever attempted in sacred music in this country. Evening service will be said at 3 o'clock, at which time the church will be brilliantly illuminated. Rev. Dr. OGILBY will preach the sermon.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL.

The interior of the venerable St. Paul's Chapel, in its Christmas garments, is wondrously beautiful. The gallery sides are trimmed with laurel wreaths in large panels. The columns have four perpendicular lines of the same material, reaching from the base to the capitals aloft—the latter being fringed with holly. The choir gallery front is trimmed with sparse branches of spruce exquisitely arranged, crossing each other in fine spaces. The ancient pulpit is neatly garlanded with princes' feather, which clings to the quaint and sounding board like a grand coronet. The fluted columns about the chancel are fringed lightly with spruce fine sprigs. The altar cross blossoms all over with lovely camelias and lilies, and a magnificent floral basket caps the font. All the mural tablets are beautifully decorated. Services will be held at 11 A. M. and 7½ P. M.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL.

St. John's Chapel is most exquisitely ornamented. The fluted columns are trimmed with the most tiny laurel wreaths, the capitals edged with holly, and various emblems, verses and monograms disposed about the place. The services will be at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. One of the principal musical features will be the solo, "Oh! Lord, our Governor," from HAYDN, executed by Rev. Mr. COOKE.

TRINITY CHAPEL.

The gorgeous interior of Trinity Chapel will be profusely festooned. Every sort of monogram and sacred device will adorn walls, gallery, chancel and choir. The floral display will be rich, rare and extensive. The musical portions of the service will be grand in the extreme. Services are held at 7 and 10½ A. M., and 3 and 7½ P. M.

CHRIST CHURCH.

Christ Church, on Fifth-avenue, surpasses almost everything in its chancel decorations—a triple arch extends across the width of the church at the chancel steps. This is clothed in evergreen wreaths. Above are monograms in "everlasting" flowers and letters. Over the arches are the words: "And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us," and "Alleluia;" other splendid designs in white "everlastings," on a crimson ground, are displayed.

OTHER CHURCHES.

Zion, the Heavenly Rest, St. Alban's, St. Mark's in the Bowery, Calvary, the Ascension, the Transfiguration, the Incarnation and other churches are all elegantly and neatly decorated. Altogether the display is far more grand, complete and tasteful than has ever previously been made.

The Catholic Churches.

Great preparations are being made in all the Catholic churches of this City for the proper celebration of the Festival of the Nativity. Loads of evergreens, pine and holly, were yesterday taken into these edifices, and all day today the zealous ladies and gentlemen of the various congregations will be busily engaged in decorating their churches for the Christmas festival. The religious exercises at these places of worship will be accompanied by more than ordinary gorgeousness and solemnity. Everything that art can do to make them attractive will be done; for Catholics hold in especial honor the two great festivals of Christmas and Easter—the one commemorative of the coming of our divine Redeemer, and the other of his triumphant resurrection from the dead.

THE CATHEDRAL.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, corner of Mott and Prince streets, the religious ceremonials will be of the grandest and most imposing character, and it is expected that, as is always the case on Christmas Day, the venerable old minster will be packed to repletion, especially at the morning services. The church is to be decorated with wreaths of evergreen running round the columns, and from the choir gallery will be pendants of myrtle on either side of an appropriate inscription of white flowers on a green ground. The sanctuary will be embowered in evergreens, and the Archbishop's throne will be appropriately decorated. The high altar will be illuminated to the fullest extent possible, and set off with real flowers, borrowed for the purpose. The first service will be a solemn high mass, at 5 A. M., of which the Very Rev. Dr. STARRS, Vicar-General of the Archdiocese, will be the celebrant, assisted by Deacon and Sub-Deacon. From the close of this mass up to 10½ o'clock there will be a succession of low masses, as on Christmas Day every priest, if possible, says three masses in honor of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. The grand service of the day, however, will be the solemn Pontifical mass, at 10½ o'clock A. M., of which Most Rev. Archbishop MCCLOSKEY himself will be the celebrant, and which will be carried out with all the imposing ceremonial prescribed by the Roman ritual. An extraordinary number of acolytes will be in the procession and assisting at the ceremonies of the altar. At this mass there will be preached a sermon on the Nativity of our Lord. The music on the occasion will be of the most artistic character. Prof. GUSTAVE SCHMITZ, the organist, has selected HAYDN'S Mass No. 2, one of the grandest and most difficult compositions for the musical accompaniment of this grand Pontifical celebration. He will be assisted in the instrumentation by an orchestra. Mme. CROME is to be the soprano soloist, Mrs. WERNER the contralto, and Herr SOHST the basso.

ST. STEPHEN'S.

The magnificent church in Twenty-eighth-street, of which Rev. Dr. MCGLYNN is pastor, has ever been noted for the grandeur with which it carries out the ceremonies of great Catholic festivals. The decorations here, to-morrow, will be in keeping with the gorgeousness of the edifice itself. On either side of the centre aisle there is to be a row of evergreen trees, and the sanctuary will be decorated with boughs of the same material. Nothing is to be placed on the magnificent marble altar, except a few flowers and lights, as in itself it is a grand piece of artistic workmanship, and cannot be improved by any extraneous adornment. A fine oil-painting of the "Sacred Heart of Jesus" is on the Epistle side, and a massive crucifix, almost life size, on the Gospel side of this altar. The music here will be of the highest character. MOZART'S Twelfth Mass having been selected to be sung at the solemn high mass, which is to begin at 10½ o'clock A. M.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S.

This, the church of the renowned Jesuit Fathers, will not be second to any other in the City, to-morrow, either in the adornment of its interior or in the character of its music. The latter will be under the direction of Prof. WM. BERGE, the organist, and will consist of a mass of his own composition, in the instrumentation of which he will be assisted by an orchestra. The soloists are to be: Soprano, Miss MARY WERNEKE; contralto, Miss TERESA WERNEKE; tenor, Signor TAMARO; bass, Signor BACCELI. The first mass will begin at 4½ A. M., and the solemn high mass of the occasion at 10½ A. M.

AT OTHERS.

At Rev. Dr. PRESTON'S Church, in Eighth-street, there will be an appropriate religious celebration, the solemn high mass, commencing at 10½ o'clock A. M.

The old mother church in Barclay-street—the first Catholic edifice erected in New-York—is never in the rear whenever anything of a Catholic nature claims its attention. It is being tastefully and appropriately decorated for to-morrow's festival. At the grand high mass, which is to begin at 10½ A. M., Prof. PECHER, the organist, will furnish excellent music.

There will also be grand services in St. Andrew's, Duane-street; Transfiguration, Mott-street; St. Mary's, Grand-street; St. James', James-street; St. Teresa's, Rutgers-street; St. Joseph's, Sixth-avenue. In all the Catholic churches of the City will do their best to make this festival as imposing as possible.

Christmas Day in Brooklyn.

The preparations made this season for the celebration of Christmas in Brooklyn, have been much greater than usual. Almost all the Catholic churches have been finely decorated for the occasion, and arrangements made for the rendering of special music during mass. Especially has this been the case in the following churches: St. James' Church, in Jay-street, near Chapel; St. Paul's, corner of Court and Congress streets; St. Mary's, corner of Court and Luquer streets; St. Charles Borromes, Sydney-place; Church of the Visitation, on Ewen, near Richards-street; St. Joseph's, on Pacific-street, near Vanderbilt-avenue; St. Patrick's, on Kent-avenue, near Lafayette; Church of the Assumption, on York-street, near Jay. Among the Episcopalian churches, St. Ann's on the Heights, and Westminster Church have made the most extensive preparations. In all of them special services will be held. The following are their programmes:

ST. ANN'S ON THE HEIGHTS.

John M. Loretz, Jr., Organist and Director.

Chimes at 10 A. M.
Chimes at 10:25.
Carol for boys at 10½.....Loretz, Jr
Evening Anthem, "Oh, come all ye faithful"..Novello
Venite chant for boys.....Loretz, Jr
Proper Psalms for morning—chanted.....Gregorian
Te Deum in E b (new).....Loretz, Jr
Jubilate in E b (new).....Loretz, Jr
Psalm 65.....Ancient
Gloria Tibi in C.....Ancient
Hymn 223.....G. W. Warren
Offertory, "How lovely are the Messengers."
.....Mendelssohn
Ter Sanctus in E minor.....Loretz, Jr
Communion hymn No. 45.....Ancient
Gloria in Excelsis in F.....Ancient
Offertory in Thy Name.....Mozart
Services at evening—Chimes at 7; chimes at 7½.
Carole for boys at 7½.....Loretz, Jr.
"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song".....Baumbach
Proper Psalms—chanted.....Gregorian
Gloriasin E b. B b. F.....Loretz, Jr.
Gloria in Excelsis in F.....Loretz, Jr.
Cantate Domino—in A.....Bridgewater
Deus Misereatur—in A.....Bridgewater
Psalm 64.....Ancient
Offertory, "Adeste fideles.....Novello
Hymn 340.....Ancient
Hallelujah Chorus.....Handel
Grand Fugue with pedal obligato, arranged from Mozart.

The following ladies and gentlemen comprise the choir:

Miss Emily Butman, soprano; Mrs. Christianson, alto; Mr. George Osborne, tenor; Mr. Rafael Navarro, basso and assistant organist.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH.

Morning Service.

1. Prelude.....Organ
2. Gloria.....Mozart's 12th Mass
3. Hymn 282.....German Chorale
("Eine feste Burg ist unser Gott.")
4. Te Deum, (chanted).....Greatorex
5. Hymn 292.....Adapted
6. Hymn 274.....Arnan
7. Postlude.....Hallelujah Cho. from Messiah

Evening Service.

1. Prelude.....Organ
2. Adeste Fideles, with solos, &c.....Novello
3. Hymn 279.....Christmas
4. Gloria in Excelsis.....(Chanted)
5. Christmas Hymn.....Caswell
6. Doxology.....Old Hundred
7. Postlude.....Organ

At the Pierrepont-street Baptist Church, corner of Clinton and Pierrepont streets, where there is a volunteer choir under the direction of Mr. CASWELL, the music will be under the immediate supervision of Mr. C. E. DUDLEY, assistant organist, and will consist of LLOYD'S "Te Deum in B. b Gloria" from MOZART'S "Twelfth Mass," and other selections appropriate to the occasion.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The following is the programme of Christ Church, Rev. Dr. BANCROFT, D. D., for the Christmas services:

Christmas Carol by twenty boys and chorus.
Venite.....Jackson
Glorias.....Greatorex
Te Deum.....Albert Berge
Jubilate.....Albert Berge
Psalm 55, tune "Christmas".....
Gloria Tibi.....Jackson
Hymn 46, tune "Arisen".....

Afternoon.

Gloria in Excelsis.....Old
Cantate No. 1.....Boyer
Benedictus Anima Meo.....De Monti
Anthem Christmas.....

The following is the choir.

Quartet—Miss H. S. Bedlow, soprano; Miss P. Mumford, alto; Mr. T. Henry Nason, tenor; Mr. Thrower, basso. Chorus of 130 ladies and gentlemen and twenty boys. C. Hatchsmith, organist.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Morning Service.

Processional—Anthony—"Behold! I bring you, &c.,"
.....North
Venite.....Eighth Gregorian Tone
Psalter, in Antiphone.....Psalms 19, 45 and 85
Te Deum.....Thomas in G
Benedictus.....Thomas in G
Creed—Apostles'.....in F
Anthem or Selections—84 verses, 5, 6, 7, 8....Cormation
Kyrie Elelson.....Warea in F
Gloria Tibi.....Stanton in G
Hymn—Anthem—"While Shepherds Watch,"
&c.....Better than I ever saw him write;
Sanctus.....From Atwood's Service in F
Eucharistic Hymn—95.....St. Stephen
Gloria in Excelsis.....From Mozart's Twelfth Mass
Recessional—"Hark! What mean those Holy
Voices".....Atwood

Evening Service.

Processional—Hymn 45.....Ancient and Modern
Psalter, in Unison.....Psalms 88, 110 and 126
Cantate domine—Chant.....Wainwright
Anthem or Selection—56..Melody from "The Creation"
Hymn 46.....Shout the Glad Tidings"
Recessional—386.....Hymns.....Ancient and Modern
J. C. Atwood, Director. D. Caldwell, Organist.

THE TABERNACLE.

At Rev. T. DE WITT TALMAGE'S Tabernacle a sermon will be preached by Rev. Prof. GEROUX, D. D., of the College of New-Jersey, Princeton. The musical selections for the day, under the charge of GEORGE W. MORGAN, and performed on the Boston Jubilee organ, are as follows:

Morning.

Opening—Voluntary from the Oratorio of the Messiah—"For Unto Us a Child is Born"...Handel
"Pastoral Symphony"—Oratorio.....Handel
"Hallelujah Chorus".....Handel

Evening.

"And the Glory of the Lord"—From "The Messiah."
.....Handel
"O Rest in the Lord".....Mendelssohn.
"Hallelujah Chorus".....Handel.

Afternoon.

Twenty-third Anniversary of the Sunday-school of the Church, held in the Tabernacle, Major B. H. CORWIN, Superintendent, in charge.

"Christmas Carols," &c. Sung by the children, led by E. R. POST, and with GEORGE W. MORGAN at the organ.

Addresses by Rev. ALFRED TAYLOR and Rev WM. HOWELLS TAYLOR.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE UNIVERSE; Or, the Infinitely Great and the Infinitely Little. By F. A. POUCHET, M. D. Translated from the French. New edition, revised by the author. New-York: CHARLES SCRIBNER & Co. 1871.

The work of M. POUCHET has already a world-wide reputation, as one of the most successful attempts that have been made to unite scientific accuracy with a popular style of treatment—to present the wonders of nature, both organic and inorganic, in a way which might fascinate the casual reader, delight the student, and increase the ranks of the votaries of science. The new edition before us has been carefully revised by the author, and numerous important additions have been made both in the text and the illustrations. A very carefully-digested index is also, in great part, a new feature of the volume. As now presented, in its improved and enlarged form, the book is really superb in all the external essentials of paper, printing, binding and illustration. A more permanently useful, profitable, and withal entertaining Christmas volume, it would be exceedingly difficult to find.

ALMANACH DE GOTHA: Annuaire Genealogique, Diplomatique et Statistique: 1871. Sold by BERNTARD, No. 33 Union-square.

It was a somewhat different sort of world that saw the first number of the *Almanach de Gotha*. Yet, amid the endless changes of 107 years, this compact little annual has rigidly presented its original form, increasing with each succeeding year the number of its pages, but scrupulously maintaining the uniformity of their size. But, such is the pressure of the times, that even the *Almanach de Gotha* must chance, and for the year 1871 the Ministers, diplomatists, publicists and men of affairs generally, in every nation of the civilized world, will find that their indispensable *vade mecum* has been expanded in shape and improved in contents, exterior and get-up generally. Handy pocket manual, as it still remains, the *Almanach* is, in its new shape, more than ever an epitome of civilization. Emperors, kings, royal and noble houses have still, indeed, the place of honor heretofore assigned them, but the student of almost any phase of civilized progress will find here abundant material for reference and analysis. The broad rule has been adopted to notice only those countries which have regular consular or diplomatic relations either with European countries or the United States. Concerning all of these are given the usual details of superficial area, population, commerce, military establishments, rulers, Government officials, foreign representatives, and the like. In connection with the chief nations of the world will be found also details of population, as distributed among the chief towns and the territorial departments; tables of the proportion between population in town and county, and the relative number of the two sexes. Division according to nationalities is also duly summarized, with the number of resident foreigners, and as regards European colonies, the division of population among the various component races. Railways and telegraphs, either completed or in construction, come in for their due share of attention. Among the dynastic additions will be found a more detailed notice than heretofore of the royal house of Prussia, and all its allied and collateral branches. A carefully executed portrait of WILLIAM I., Emperor of Germany, appears as a frontispiece to the volume. We have, after all, but very imperfectly indicated the immense variety of the contents of this little volume. We have made it sufficiently obvious, however, that it is one which is perfectly indispensable to all who wish to understand thoroughly the progress of contemporary history.

Commissioners of Docks—Work Done and to be Done.

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of Docks was held yesterday afternoon, WILSON G. HUNT, Esq., in the chair. A resolution was adopted directing the Navy-yard Ferry Company to remove from Piers Nos. 53 and 54 the bulk-heads and racks used by them; also, one permitting the Fulton Market Fishmonger's Association to retain their ice-house on Pier No. 23; also, one denying the petition of occupants of Slips No. 34 and No. 35, North River, that the slips be dredged, as Pier No. 34 is not owned by the City; also, against the petition of the Union Railroad and Transportation Company to widen Pier No. 2 North River, as the improvements on that side of the City will be commenced next Spring by the Commissioners of Docks. The Executive Committee reported against the petition of E. BURROUGHS HYDE to erect experimental piers for the purpose of testing his improvements. The report was adopted. Reports were made by the Executive Committee on various petitions for improvements to slips and bulkheads, and the reports were adopted. The Committee reported against the petition of RUSSELL STURGES to have cost of repairs of Pier No. 13 North River deducted from his rent.

The report of the work done during the last four months shows that thirty-one piers and bulkheads have been repaired and rebuilt, and there are eleven piers and bulkheads now being repaired.

It was resolved that the incumbrance of piers by heavy freight be punished by the imposition of fines in pursuance of the regulations of the Board. It was proposed that the by-laws be amended so that the Superintendents of Docks be hereafter known as Inspectors of Docks. Commissioner WOODS proposed that the Executive Committee pass an amendment to the by-laws, and report at the next meeting of the Board. The Superintendent of Repairs reported that the ferry buildings at the foot of Forty-second-street were out of repair, and the matter was referred to the Executive Committee. Several reports from the Superintendent of Repairs were referred to the Executive Committee. The Board of Health reported the adoption of the report of the Sanitary Committee in relation to the condition of the docks at the foot of Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth streets, North River. They asked that the docks from Thirty-eighth to Fortieth-street, North River, and the Houston-street Ferry docks be dredged. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee. Commissioner WOODS urged that the docks be dredged at once, so as to avoid any trouble next Summer. Mr. HENRY BERGH offered to sell one-half of Pier No. 52, East River, and his proposition was referred to the Executive Committee. The Board then went into executive session.

Daniel McFarland's Counsel Fee.

In the Superior Court, Trial Term, Part I., before Judge FREEDMAN and a jury, yesterday, the case of AMBROSE A. MONELL *et al. vs.* MICHAEL A. MCFARLAND was decided. This was an action brought by the law firm of MONELL & ZEGLIO to recover $452 10, alleged to be due by defendant for professional services rendered in connection with the trial of the defendant's brother, DANIEL MCFARLAND. The plaintiffs claim that at the commencement of the McFarland trial they were retained by the defendant to take charge of the witnesses during the trial, at a daily charge of $25 a day; that they did take charge of the witnesses, prepared the subpœnas every night, and gave them to the servers; that they attended in Court each morning, and saw that the witnesses were in Court, and if any were absent, they prepared affidavits on which to base applications for attachments. It was in evidence, also, on behalf of plaintiffs that only on one occasion was an affidavit prepared, but nevertheless they had remained in Court during the trial, ready to fulfill their part of the duties when it became necessary. The defendant claimed that he never employed them, but on the contrary, when introduced to them by Mr. GEARY, and when told that their fee would be $25 a day, he rejected it as extravagant and exorbitant. Counsel for defendant in his opening to the jury stated, among other things, that his client had exhausted almost his last dollar in his brother's defense. The jury found a verdict in favor of plaintiff for the whole amount claimed with interest, amounting to $471 86. MONELL and ZEGLIO for plaintiff; CHARLES S. SPENCER for defendant.

Alleged Unwarrantable Prosecution of a Merchant.

Another examination was held by Commissioner SHIELDS, yesterday, in the case of AUGUSTUS W. MARSH, charged with fraudulent bankruptcy. It is said that MARSH came to this City a few years ago with $20,000, which he desired to invest in business. He became acquainted with GEO. W. LOCKWOOD, who joined him in the hoop-skirt trade. MARSH invested all of his money in the firm, together with $30,000 borrowed money. He subsequently withdrew several thousand dollars worth of crinoline from the stock belonging to the firm, with the consent of LOCKWOOD, for the purpose of selling it in order to pay off a debt. The crinoline was obtained from BENJAMIN & DOREMUS on credit, and had not been paid for at the time it was sold. It is alleged that LOCKWOOD became a defaulter to the firm in which he was a partner to the amount $30,000. It is claimed that the prosecution against him is unjustified, and that he never defrauded any of the creditors of the firm while bankrupt. It is a noticeable fact in the case that CHARLES H. WOODRUFF, attorney for the assignee in the bankruptcy case, appears as prosecuting officer against MARSH, instead of District-Attorney DAVIS or one of his assistants.

THE TAYLOR WILL.

The Examination Yesterday—Important Ruling by the Surrogate in Regard to Evidence—The Testimony of Four Witnesses on the Part of the Contestant—The Signature of the Will Declared a Forgery.

The third hearing in the matter of the contested will of JAMES B. TAYLOR, deceased, was held before Hon. R. C. HUTCHINGS, Surrogate, yesterday, and the proceedings were of a decidedly interesting character. The Court-room was uncomfortably crowded during the day, for in addition to those interested in the case, the number of those attracted by curiosity increases as the trial progresses. At the opening of the Court Judge HUTCHINGS made an important ruling in regard to the introduction of evidence, the propriety of which the counsel of both parties to the contest assented. The order is reported below in full, and if the suggestions made therein are followed, the case will be much expedited, a great deal of extraneous evidence being thereby excluded. The testimony taken yesterday was mainly on the point as to the genuineness of the signature attached to Mr. TAYLOR'S will. Four witnesses in all were examined, each of whom testified that they were well acquainted with the deceased in his life-time, and familiar with his handwriting. All expressed the opinion that the deceased never could have executed the instrument contested, as the signature was unlike that of Mr. TAYLOR'S. Every important feature of the testimony contained in both the direct and cross examinations will be found in the detailed report of the proceedings appended. The remarks of the Surrogate in ruling in evidence above referred to, is as follows:

THE SURROGATE'S RULING.

Before proceeding further in this case, I deem it proper to make a few observations for the guidance of counsel in regard to the order of proofs, &c. The evidence offered by the proponents, in the first instance, was sufficient *prima facie* to impose on the contestant the burden of overcoming the legal presumption of the validity of the testamentary paper in question, in respect of its execution and authenticity and the capacity of the testator. One of the alleged grounds of contest is, that the paper offered as the will of the decedent is not a genuine instrument; that it was not, in fact, signed by him; or, in plain words, that it was forgery. It is obvious, therefore, that the question of genuineness of, signature, or, technically, the *factum*, is the primary one on trial before me, and should first be attended to in the order of proofs by the contestant; and it would have been proper, when the defense was opened, for me to have announced, in the exercise of a discretion undoubtedly in my province, to regulate, in a reasonable manner, the order in which I would hear evidence upon the respective issues; that the contestant should first present, to the extent that was practicable, the adverse testimony proposed to be offered as to the genuineness and authenticity of the document in question. The defense, however, commenced the latter day with proofs of the affection of the decedent toward the contestant, his grand-daughter, and some other evidence tending to show a less affection, if not unkindness, as several times exhibited by the decedent's wife, who is the principal legatee, toward her grandchild. Some letters of the decedent to the contestant, bearing on the first matter, were presented, and since the adjournment her counsel have, as I am informed, supplied themselves of an extensive mass of the papers of the deceased, more particularly to discover, and perhaps to offer in evidence here, other letters from the contestant and widow to the decedent. When at the last hearing the counsel for the contestant moved for the privilege of such an examination of letters, &c., in the hands of the special administrator, I intended, and still intend, to allow to both parties alike every reasonable opportunity of investigation of decedent's papers that may before me of such letters, particularly, as may be found showing, as it is admissible thus to show, the character of the personal relations of parties or be other wise relevant to the issues under consideration; but on reflection since the last adjournment, I have concluded to request, and I deem it proper to direct that, as to letters between the deceased and his wife, or between either of them and the contestant, their granddaughter, whether offered in evidence by proponents or contestant, the same should be first presented to the Court, the counsel on either side, of course, being allowed their perusal, that I may, by an examination determine their relevancy and admissibility before and without any other exposure of their contents unless admitted.

This direction seems justified, if not required, by considerations of the confidence of the marital and other domestic relations; and I do not doubt the respective counsel will concur with the Court in the desire to avoid, as far as may be, consistently with their professional duties to their clients, the publicity of correspondence, which, as between the parties, must have been confidential, or in the interest only of their family relations. This reference to correspondence, however, I make incidentally to my chief purpose, which is to say that I have concluded, in the exercise of my discretion, to hear and receive, first, such evidence as the contestant has to offer in respect of the execution and authenticity of the instrument in question, including evidence of a secondary character, and of no importance, except on the assumption of the genuine execution of the paper, with an observance of the statutory requirements. Next after the question of genuineness of execution, in the proper order of proofs, is that of testamentary capacity, should that be questioned by contestant; and after that the allegation of undue influence, as one of the grounds of contest. I do not mean that this order of evidence on the part

January interest thereon, without rebate. The old Bank of Savings in Bleecker-street and the Bowery Bank are said to hold more than half the amount yet presented.

The Foreign Exchanges are steady at 109@109¼ ₱ cent. for sixty days, London.

In the Public Funds the transactions were not large at the Exchange or by private sale, and the prices of Thursday were fairly supported; 5-20s of 1867 at 110 ₱ cent. The Southern State Bonds were lower on new Tennessees by one ₱ cent. In the Railway Bonds, Union Pacifics declined to 78½, while the Centrals remained at 92¼@92½ ₱ cent. The Railway Shares displayed much strength late in the day, on what was called a close market for Money. After the late Board of the Exchange the quotations were reported generally firm. There is, no doubt, a growing confidence in higher prices after the Christmas Holidays, and some of the speculators will probably be disposed next week to anticipate the "better time" after the New-Year.

The latest quotations, at 5½ P. M., compared with Thursday night, are as follows:

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—DEC. 23.

	Thursday.	Friday.
United States 10-40s	106⅝	106½
United States 5-20s of 1862	107⅝	107⅝
United States 5-20s of 1867	110	110
American Gold	110⅝	110½
Bills on London, 60 days	109	109
New Bonds of Tennessee	63	62½
New-York Central and Hudson	90½	90⅞
N. Y. C. & H. Debt Certificates	87	87½
Reading Railroad	98¾	98⅝
Chicago and Rock Island	102½	103⅜
North-west Common	70⅝	70¼
North-west Preferred	80⅜	80½
Pacific Mail Company	39⅛	39¼
St. Paul Preferred	79⅛	79¼
St. Paul Common	55	55⅜
Lake Shore	91	91¼
Ohio and Mississippi	27⅛	27⅜
Toledo and Wabash	48⅜	48
Western Telegraph	45¼	45⅜
Erie	23⅞	23¾

UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23.

Gold receipts	$485,013 50
Gold payments	50,273 78
Gold balance	61,338,596 52
Currency receipts	529,176 73
Currency payments	1,147,305 65
Currency balance	12,657,369 86
Customs	257,000 00

The following bids were made for the various Public funds of the United States:

6 ₱ cent. reg., '81	109¾	5-20 coup., n. i., '65	109¾
6 ₱ cent. coup., '81	113	5-20 coup., '67	109⅜
5-20 coup., '62	107⅜	5-20 coup., '68	110⅛
5-20 coup., '64	106⅞	10-40 coupon	106⅜
5-20 coup., '65	107	6s currency	109⅜

And the following for the State Bonds:

Tenn. 6s, old	62¾	Kentucky 6s	99
Tenn. 6s, new bds	62¼	Ill. Canal bonds, '70	98
Virginia 6s, old	67¼	Ill. coup. 6s, '77	98
Virginia 6s, new bds	64	Ill. coup. 6s, '79	98
Virginia 6s, reg., old	50¼	Ill. War Loan	98
Georgia 6s	81	Mich. 6 ₱ c., '73	100
N. Car. 6s, old	44	Mich. 6 ₱ c., '78	100
N. Car. 6s, F. Act, '68	27	Mich. 6 ₱ c., '83	100
N. Car. 6s, new bds	23⅜	Mich. 7 ₱ c., '78	100
N. Car. 6s, Special T.	18⅜	N. Y. reg. Bounty L.	103⅜
S. Car. 6s, new bds	67	N. Y. coup. Bounty L.	107⅛
Missouri 6s	93	N. Y. 6s, Canal L., '72	102¾
Mo. 6s, H. & St. J. iss.	92¼	N. Y. 6s, Canal L., '73	102¾
Louisiana 6s	70	N. Y. 6s, Canal L., '74	102¾
California 7s	112	N. Y. 6s, Canal L., '75	102¾
Connecticut 6s	102¾	N. Y. 6s, Canal L., '77	102¾
Rhode Island 6s	101	N. Y. 6s, Canal L., '78	102¾
Ark. 6s, Funded	64	N. Y. 5s, Canal L., '74	100
Ark. 7s, L.R.&Ft.S.is.	64		

And the following for the Railway Bonds:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, '83	90	Quin. & Tol. 1st, '90	81¼
N. Y. Cen. 6s, '87	90	Ill. & So. Iowa 1st	75
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Est.	88	Galena & Chi. Ext.	100
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Subsc'n	88	Galena & Chi. 2d	92
Erie 1st, Ext.	95	Chi., R. I. & Pac.	99¼
Erie 7s, 2d ind., '79	90	Morris & Essex 2d	96
Erie 7s, 3d ind., '83	88	Clev. & Tol. S. F.	100¾
Erie 7s, 4th ind., '80	84	N. J. Cen. 2d	100
Buff., N. Y. & E. 1st, '77	87	N. J. Cen. new bonds	103
Hud. R. 7s, 2d, S. F., '85	102	P., F. W. & Chi. 1st	105
Harlem C. M. & S. F.	90¼	P., F. W. & Chi. 2d	97
Chi., B. & Q. 8 ₱ c., 1st	111¼	Clev. & Pitts. Con. S. F	81
Mich. So. 7 ₱ c., 2d	92	Clev. & Pitts. 2d	91
M. S. & N. I. S. F., 7 ₱ c.	97	Clev. & Pitts. 3d	94
Pac. R. 7s, guar. by Mo	97	Clev. & Pitts. 4th	79¼
Cen. Pac. Bonds	92¼	Chi. & Alton S. F.	95
Union Pac. 1st Bonds	79⅛	Chi. & Alton 1st	102½
Union Pac. L. G. 7s	87	Chi. & Alton Inc.	92
Ill. Cen. 7 ₱ c., '75	108	Ohio & Miss. 1st	99¾
Alton & T. H. 1st	96	Ohio & Miss. Con.	89
Alton & T. H. 2d, Pref	81	Dub. & Sioux C. 1st	95
Alton & T. H. 2d, Inc	75	St. L. & Iron Mt. 1st	89¼
Chi. & N. W. S. F.	97	Mil. & St. P. 1st, 8s	104¼
Chi. & N. W. Int. Bs.	88	Mil. & St. P. 1st, 7 3-10	92¾
Chi. & N. W. 1st	94	Mil. & St. P. 1st	94⅜
Consol'd 7 ₱ c. conv.	58	Mil. & St. P. 2d	85
Lack. & West. Bds.	100	Chi. & Mil. 1st	92
Del., Lack. & W. 2d	94⅜	Col., Chi. & Ind. 1st	81
Tol. & Wab. 1st ext.	94	Tol., Peo. & W., E. D.	81¼
Tol. & Wab. 2d	81¼	Tol., Peo. & W., W. D	80
Gt. West. 1st, '68	100	Tol., Peo. & W. 2d	67⅛
Gt. West. 1st, '88	88	Cedar Falls & Min. 1st	83⅛
Gt. West. 2d, '93	80		

And the following for the City Bank Stocks and Miscellaneous Shares:

New-York	x132	Irving	118⅛
Manhattan	150	Metropolitan	x131
Merchants'	x112	Corn Exchange	130
Mechanics'	x132	Continental	x 93¼
Union	140	N. Y. Nat. Ex. Bank	100
America	x140	Fourth National	x104
City	220	Ninth National	107
Phenix	107	Tenth National	125
Tradesmen's	153	Gold Exchange	70
Mechanics'&Traders'	116	Del. & Hudson Canal	119
National	116	American Coal	35
Merchants'Exch'ge	x 99	CantonCo., Baltimore	65
Leather Manufact'rs	200	Cum. Coal & Iron	25
Seventh Ward	111	West. Union Tel.	45
State of New-York	107	Quicksilver Pref.	7⅛
Commerce	119	Mariposa Preferred	9⅛
Broadway	x289	Boston Water Power	17
Ocean	73	Adams Express	64
Mercantile	124	Wells-Fargo Express	33
American Exchange	112⅛	Wells-Fargo Ex. Scr.	2
Bank of the Republic	115⅛	American Express	45¼
Bank of N. America	105	United States Ex.	32
Hanover	104⅛	Pacific Mail	38⅜

PHILADELPHIA STOCKS—DEC. 23.

Telegraphed to Messrs. E. D. Randolph & Co.

	Bid.	Asked.
City 6s, old	98½	98¾
City 6s, new	99⅛	99¾
Camden and Amboy	118⅛	118¾
Pennsylvania Central	61⅛	61¼
Reading	98⅛	98⅝
Lehigh Valley	58½	58⅝
Catawissa Preferred	37⅛	37½
Philadelphia and Erie	26½	26¾
Northern Central	41¼	41¾
Lehigh Navigation	33	33½
Lehigh Gold Loan	85⅛	85½

The Shoe and Leather Bank will take care of the January Interest on the Bonds of the Southern Pacific and Atlantic and Pacific Roads, of which Mr. HAYES, of Boston, is the President, and Messrs. SELIGMAN and A. V. STOUT, of New-York, prominent directors.

The Half-Yearly Dividend of the Chatham Bank is *Eight ₱ cent.*, in place of 6 ₱ cent., as erroneously announced in our previous reference to the City Bank Dividends. We make the correction with much pleasure.

The Norwich and Worcester Road has declared a Half-Yearly Dividend of *Five ₱ cent.*, payable at the Farmers' Loan, Dec. 31.

The Merchants' Bank has declared a Half-Yearly Dividend of *Four ₱ cent.*, payable Dec. 30.

The West Wisconsin Railroad Company advertise that Messrs. WHITE, MORRIS & Co., No. 29 Wall-street, will pay their Land Grant coupons due Jan. 1.

The *American Railroad Journal* completes the volume for the year 1870 with the issue of the fifty-second weekly number, this week, with which number the index to the volume is supplied.

The week's imports of Foreign Dry Goods have been to the Specie value of $1,243,643; amount marketed, $1,013,403.

The return from the Bank of England for the week ended Dec. 7 gives the following results when compared with the previous week:

Rest	£3,065,087	Increase..	£3,350
Public deposits	6,039,972	Increase..	174,455
Other deposits	18,647,780	Increase..	254,655
Government securities	12,925,862	No alteration.	
Other securities	15,941,300	Decrease..	107,625
Notes unemployed	13,508,810	Increase..	434,085

The amount of notes in circulation is £23,320,625, being an increase of £40,450; and the stock of bullion in both departments is £22,672,493, showing an increase of £509,726, when compared with the preceding return. Subjoined is a comparison of the present position of the Bank of England, and the prices of Consols and French Rentes with the corresponding week of last year:

	At Present.	Last Year.
Bullion	£22,672,493	£18,767,616
Reserve	14,351,868	10,894,800
Notes in circulation	23,320,625	22,672,810
Rate of discount	2½ ₱ ct.	3 ₱ ct.
Consols	92	92⅛
French Rentes	52f. 50c.	72f. 90c.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

☞ NOTICE.—
The interest due Jan. 1, 1871, on the Bonds of the State of Georgia will be paid on and after that date, upon surrender of the coupons, at the Fourth National Bank, New York.
Bonds of the State of Georgia as they mature, will be paid upon presentation at the Banking-house of HENRY CLEWS & CO., No. 32 Wall-street, New-York.
RUFUS B. BULLOCK, Governor.
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF GEORGIA, ATLANTA, Nov. 19, 1870.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

HARVEY FISK. A. S. HATCH.
☞ FISK & HATCH,
BANKERS AND DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES,
No. 5 NASSAU-STREET, NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1870.

FUNDING FIVE-TWENTY BONDS.

Within the past three months a very large amount of Five-Twenty Bonds have been funded through our office into the FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS of the CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, besides large sales of the same securities for new investments.

We deal in Central Pacific Bonds the same as in Government Securities, and regard them as affording the desired medium for funding Five-Twenty Bonds, *without reduction of interest and with unimpaired security.*

☞ *They are well known, and have a ready market in all the money centres of this country and Europe, are daily quoted at the Stock Exchange, and can be sold at current market price as readily as the Bonds of the Government.*

The EARNINGS of the Road *for 1870 will reach Eight Million Dollars*, and the increase is shown in the following figures:

Earnings from Jan. 1 to Dec. 1, 1870	$7,417,317
Earnings from Jan. 1 to Dec. 1, 1869	5,260,882
Increase in 1870	$2,156,435

We keep a supply of these Securities on hand, and furnish them at current market price, which today is 92¾.

They are all Coupon Bonds of $1,000 each, interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1.

This price includes the coupon due Jan. 1, for which three per cent. in gold will be received by the purchaser, on bonds bought during this month.

Proceeds of $1,000 5-20 bond of 1867, sold today at 110	$1,100 00
Cost of $1,000 Central Pacific bond, today at 92¾	927 50
Difference realized	$172 50

We continue, as heretofore, to buy and sell Government Bonds, make Collections, receive Deposits, subject to check at sight without notice, and allow interest on balances, and do a general Banking business.

FISK & HATCH.

☞ VERMILYE & CO., Bankers,
Nos. 16 and 18 Nassau-st., New-York,
Offer to investors the following Securities:
LONG ISLAND RAILROAD 1st Mortgage 7 per cent. Bonds.
SOUTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD (of New-York) 1st Mortgage 7 per cent. Bonds.
KALAMAZOO AND WHITE PIGEON RAILROAD 1st Mortgage 7 per cent. Bonds, *interest guaranteed by Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Company.*

☞ BURLINGTON, CEDAR RAPIDS AND MINNESOTA First Mortgage Sinking Fund Convertible Seven per Cent. Gold Bonds—the small remaining balance of the Loan for sale at 90 and accrued interest.

These Bonds return about double the rate of interest which United States Five-twenties pay, while the security is as safe and fully equal to that of any railroad bond issued. HENRY CLEWS & CO., No. 32 Wall-st.

HOWES & MACY, BANKERS,
30 Wall Street, N. Y.
FOUR PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
The business of this house is the same as an Incorporated Bank.
Persons keeping accounts may deposit and draw as they please, the same as with the City Banks, and will be allowed interest on their daily balances at 4 per cent.
Collections made on any part of the United States or Canada.
Orders for the purchase or sale of the various issues of Government and other Stocks, Bonds, and Gold, promptly executed for the usual commission.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Friday, Dec. 23, 1870.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce, since our last, have been as follows:

Ashes, pks	11	Hides, bdls	89
Bees-wax, pks	2	Leather, sides	11,239
Cotton, bales	3,319	Pork, bbls	822
Dried Fruit, pks	219	Beef, pks	154
Eggs, bbls	749	Cut-meats, pks	780
Flour, bbls	10,476	Lard, pks	2,586
Corn-meal, bags	500	Butter, pks	1,507
Wheat, bushels	8,600	Cheese, pks	3,502
Corn, bushels	14,300	Tallow, pks	5
Oats, bushels	10,500	Dressed Hogs, No.	694
Malt, bushels	3,300	Starch, boxes	1,400
Grass-seed, bushels	1,308	Tobacco, hhds	66
Beans, bushels	450	Tobacco, bxs. & cs	1,326
Peas, bushels	300	Tees, half-chests	3
B. E. Peas, bags	70	Whisky, bbls	570
B. W. Flour, pks	46	Wool, bales	30
Hops, bales	234	Pea-nuts, bags	835
Hides, No.			

The export clearances since our last, as reported at the Merchants' Exchange, Pine-street, have been as follows:

By the bark *A. M. Schweigaard*, for Gloucester—23,055 bushels Wheat.

By the bark *Amoy*, for Glasgow—14,463 bushels Wheat, 311 bbls. Flour.

By the bark *Arcadia*, for Gibraltar—5,974 cases Refined Petroleum.

By the bark *Svanen*, for Alicante—4,050 cases Refined Petroleum, 22,680 Staves.

By the ship *Agnes*, for Batavia—634 tons Coal, 4,000 cases Kerosene.

ASHES—Pots have been in demand and steady at $6 75@$7 25. Pearls have been very quiet at $8 50@$9 25 ₱ 100 lbs.

BRICKS—Trade has been on a restricted scale; prices have not varied essentially.

COAL—Prices have been quoted quite firm in all instances, though business has not been active.

COCOA—Has been in rather light stock and demand on the basis of previous figures.

COFFEE—The inquiry has been light for all kinds since our last; but prices have been well supported. The offerings of desirable lots of Rio have been on a reduced scale, and holders have not been eager to place stock at current rates. Messrs. WM. SCOTT & SONS make the receipts of Rio and Santos at all the ports of the United States during the month ending today 113,779 bags; sales, 159,404 bags; stock in first hands this morning, 45,845 bags, including 27,470 bags here; amount afloat and loading for the United States as per advices to Nov. 24, 195,000 bags, of which 38,241 bags have been sold to arrive. Cargo prices are now quoted thus: Ordinary, 9½c.@10c.; Fair, 10¼c.@10¾c.; Good, 11¼c.@11¾c.; Prime, 12¼c.@12¾c., gold, ₱ lb, in bond, 60 days' credit. We quote as before: Java, 20c.@22c.; Maracaibo, 15c.@18½c.; Laguayra, 16¾c.@17¼c.; Rio, 9¼c.@13½c., in bond; Native Ceylon, 17½c.@19c.; Jamaica, 14c.@16c.; Singapore, 18c.@19c.; Costa Rica, 15¼c.@18c.; Manila, 16c.@17c.; Mexican, 15c.@18c.; Savanilla, 15¼c.@18c.; Ceara, 16c.@17c.; San Domingo, in bond, 9c.@9¼c., gold, ₱ lb.

COTTON—A moderate trade has been reported for early delivery, opening buoyantly at an advance of ⅛c. ₱ lb., but closing tamely at about yesterday's quotations. Sales, 4,104 bales, (of which 1,116 bales were to arrive,) including 3,180 bales to shippers, 654 bales to spinners, 10 bales to speculators, and 250 bales in transit. For forward delivery, there has been a brisk movement, opening ⅛c.@¼c. ₱ lb. dearer, but closing a shade off the highest figures. Sales have been reported, since our last, of 15,350 bales, basis of Low Middling, including, last evening, for December, 200 bales at 15⅛c., 800 bales at 15 3-16c.; January, 800 bales at 15¼c.; February, 100 bales at 15⅜c., 100 bales at 15 7-16c.; March, 100 bales at 15 9-16c., 200 bales at 15⅝c.; May, 100 bales at 15¾c.; free on board at Galveston, 500 bales at 14¼c. Exchanges—⅛c. paid to Exchange 200 bales December for January. And, today, for December, 900 bales at 15⅛c., 600 bales at 15⅛c., 200 bales at 15¼c.; December, 200 bales at 15⅛c.; January, 200 bales at 15⅛c., together; January, 300 bales at 15⅛c., 1,600 bales at 15 7-16c., 500 bales at 15⅜c.; 100 bales at 15 5-16c.; January and February, 600 bales each, at 15⅛c.; January, 100 bales at 15⅜c.; February, 100 bales at 15⅛c., together; February, 300 bales at 15⅜c., 600 bales at 15⅛c., 200 bales at 15 7-16c.; January, February and March, 100 bales each, at 15 9-16.; January, 100 bales at 15⅛c.; February, 100 bales at 15⅝c.; March, 100 bales at 15⅜c., together; March, 900 bales at 15⅜c., 100 bales at 15 13-16c., 200 bales at 15 11-16c., 200 bales at 15⅝c.; February, March and April, 100 bales each, at 15¾c.; February, 500 bales at 15¾c.; March, 300 bales at 15⅜c.; April, 500 bales at 16c., together; April, 100 bales at 15¾c.; April, 100 bales at 16c.; May, 100 bales at 16⅛c., together; exchanges, ⅛c. paid to exchange 200 bales December for 200 bales January; exchanges, ⅛c. paid to exchange 200 bales December for 200 bales February; 500 bales free on board at Galveston, on private term; 200 bales free on board at Baltimore at 15⅛c.; 200 bales free on board at Charleston, on private terms; 100 bales free on board at Savannah, on private terms; 250 bales free on board at Charleston, even running Low Middling at 14⅛c.

Closing Prices of Cotton in New-York today:

	Uplands.	Mobile.	N. O.	Texas.
Ordinary	12⅞	13⅛	13⅛	13⅛
Good Ordinary	14⅛	15	15⅛	15⅛
Low Middling	15⅛	15⅛	15¼	15⅜
Middling	15⅝	15⅝	16	16⅛
Good Middling	16⅛	16⅛	16⅝	17

Movements of Cotton at this Port.

	Bales.
Receipts thus far this week	30,510
Receipts last week	26,786
Receipts the preceding week	16,931
Receipts since Sept. 1	429,176
Receipts since Sept. 1, 1870	767,447
Receipts preceding year	658,429
Receipts for the year ending Jan. 1, 1870	682,200
Exports since our last	....
Exports since Sept. 1	228,464
Exports for the year ending Sept. 1, 1870	439,042
Exports for the year ending Jan. 1, 1870	1,586,887
Exports for the year ending Sept. 1, 1869	328,507
Estimated stock here	80,000

FISH—All descriptions have been in light request at about former rates.

FLOUR AND MEAL—A strong but not active market has been noted for most kinds of State and Western Flour. The offerings have been comparatively light, particularly of shipping Extras, and holders have shown no eagerness to place stock at the ruling figures. Some further dealings have been reported in extra State and Western, for export, on the basis of $5 90@$6 10, chiefly at $6@$6 05 ₱ bbl. Sales have been reported since our last of 11,400 bbls., all told, including poor to very choice Superfine State and Western at $5 10@$5 50; very inferior to good Extra State at $5 90@$6 15; good to fancy, $6 15@$6 60; good to choice shipping Extra Western, $5 75@$6 02; poor to good shipping brands round-hoop Extra Ohio at $6@$6 30 ₱ bbl. We quote:

No. 2 Flour, ₱ bbl	$4 25@$4 75
Sour Flour	4 75@ 5 55
Superfine State and Western	5 10@ 5 50
Extra State	5 90@ 6 60
Extra City, shipping brands	5 90@ 6 60
Extra Genesee	6 20@ 8 75
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, shipping brands	6 00@ 6 30
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	[illegible] 75
Extra Western, shipping brands	5 75@ 6 05
Extra Western, trade and family brands	6 10@ 8 75
Extra St. Louis, ordinary to fancy	6 15@ 9 25

Southern Flour has been in moderate request at uniform rates. Sales reported since our last of 550 bbls., in lots, at $5 15@$6 30 for poor to good ordinary, and $6 30@$9 for good ordinary to choice extra, ₱ bbl. Rye Flour continues in request at $3 95@$5 50 for very inferior to choice, ₱ bbl.; sales, 350 bbls. Corn-meal has been in limited demand at $3 80@$4 35 for Yellow and White Western; $4@$4 10 for Jersey; $4 25@$4 35 for Brandywine, ₱ bbl.; sales, 300 bbls. Buckwheat Flour continues in moderate request, ranging from $3@$3 40 ₱ 100 lbs. We quote:

Southern Flour, poor to good extra	$5 15@$6 30
Southern Flour, good to very choice extra	6 30@ 9 00
Rye Flour, inferior to very choice	3 95@ 5 50
Corn-meal, inferior to very choice	3 80@ 4 35
Corn-meal, puncheon	21 00@ ....

GRAIN—The Wheat movement has been quite spiritless since our last, and the few trades consummated have shown a slight shading of values, though most holders were offering supplies reservedly, and were unwilling to make concessions, preferring to carry stock over the Holidays, in anticipation of a livelier and more satisfactory market early in the New-Year. The limited business transacted was chiefly for export, and in New Crop, No. 2 Spring at from $1 39@$1 40, the latter for strictly prime, afloat, closing rather in favor of buyers. Small lots of New Crop No. 1 Spring were placed at $1 42 in store; and of Red and Amber Western (Winter) at from $1 40@$1 47 ₱ bushel. White Wheat was very quiet. Old Crop Spring attracted but little attention and was irregular. Sales have been reported, since our last, of 35,000 bushels, in store and afloat, including White Western at $1 40@$1 60; Red and Amber Western at $1 40@$1 47; No. 1 Spring at $1 42, in store; No. 2 do., $1 39@$1 40 afloat; Mixed Spring (nominally) at $1 28@$1 31; old Spring at $1 18@$1 26; White Genesee (nominally) at $1 55@$1 70; Red and Amber State, $1 40@$1 47½; new Red and Amber Southern at $1 40@$1 47½; White Southern nominally at $1 50@$1 75 ₱ bushel. Corn has been in less urgent request, opening rather more firmly, but closing lower. The demand has been mostly for trade purposes. There has been some speculative inquiry noted for prime new Mixed Western on the basis of 74½c. ₱ bushel, at which rate the latest sales were effected. A light export call was reported for good, dry samples, but, in most instances, at rates below the views of sellers; hence business, in this way, was restricted. Some 4,000 bushels Southern White changed hands for shipment at 83c. ₱ bushel. Sales have been reported since our last of 46,500 bushels, at 72c.@76c. for new Mixed Western; closing at 74½c. for full lots of prime; 76c.@83c. for Yellow and White Jersey, Western and Southern; 71c.@73c. for old lots from track, in poor condition, ₱ bushel. Rye has been quiet, but steady, ranging from 90c.@$1 for ordinary to prime Western, and $1@$1 06 for State ₱ bushel. Barley continues inactive and irregular; sales have been reported of only 2,700 bushels, including State at 75c.@80c., and Western at 87c.@95c. ₱ bushel. Barley-malt continues in very limited request, including Canada, nominally at 90c.@$1 10; and State at 80c.@95c., and fancy lots of City at $1 35@$1 40, on time, ₱ bushel. Oats have been very sparingly dealt in, but have not varied essentially in price. Sales have been reported since our last of 36,500 bushels at 57c.@62c., as the extremes for inferior to choice Mixed and White Pennsylvania, New-Jersey and Ohio, chiefly on the basis of 60c.@60½c. afloat, for new Mixed Western; 60½c.@61c. for State, and 58½c.@61c. from track and afloat for new White State, ₱ bushel. The export clearances since our last have been 311 bbls. Flour and 14,463 bushels Wheat for Glasgow, and 23,055 bushels Wheat for Gloucester.

HAY—Bale Hay has been firm and in demand at $1 10 for shipping, and $1 15@$1 25 for local use, ₱ 100 lbs. Straw continues salable and steady at 75c.@$1 15 for Short and Long, ₱ 100 lbs.

HEMP—Of Jute Butts 1,000 bales have been sold, to arrive, by the *Kingsbridge*, at 3½c., gold, cash, ₱ lb. Other kinds, inactive. Market generally steady.

HOPS—Have been dull and heavy. We quote the range from 6c.@15c. for New Crop; 5c.@10c. for Yearlings, and 1c.@3c. for older growth, ₱ lb. Receipts, 234 bales; exports, — bales. Mr. EMMET WELLS notices the week's business thus: "We have to report a very dull market; and where sales have been at all forced, 2c.@3c. ₱ lb. lower prices have been accepted. On inquiry and examination, we notice that a very large proportion of the Hops now arriving are of low and inferior grades, for which there is no market. In last week's Circular we advised growers and forwarders to keep such stock at home. We still urge this point, on the ground that receivers do not care to pay the freight on poor Hops, and take them into store; besides, storage in the country can be obtained at a much cheaper rate than here. The prevailing opinion seems to be that the market will improve after the Holidays, but the writer can see nothing now to warrant it, as stocks have largely accumulated of late, and many of the large brewers have already secured their supplies for the season. There is no possible show for an export trade with England, as the crop in that country is larger than it has been since 1860; and on the Continent the yield is known to be largely in excess of requirement. It is believed the London market now holds 30,000 bales of old Americans, for which there is scarcely any demand; and although American yearlings and olds are in better favor than any other class, we think it will be a long time before more are wanted from this side. Without any export movement there can be no speculation in the article at this season of the year; the only demand, therefore, will be for consumption, and we doubt if any concessions in price will tempt brewers to buy more than they require to carry them through. Receipts of the week, 1,614 bales; receipts corresponding week last season, 2,097 bales; total receipts of the season, 32,542 bales; total receipts corresponding season last year, 77,355 bales."

METALS—Dealings in all lines have been unimportant; prices essentially unaltered. Some 200,000 lbs. Ingot Copper changed hands at 23⅛c. ₱ lb., and job lots of Pig-iron, Pig-tin and Tin Plates within our former range.

MOLASSES—Of New-Orleans 110 bbls. changed hands, part to arrive, at 72c.@75c. ₱ gallon; market poorly supplied and steady. Other kinds plenty, dull and irregular. We quote: New Crop Porto Rico nominally at from 30c.@55c.; New Crop Cuba at 20c.@35c.; New-Orleans at 60c.@75c. ₱ gallon.

NAVAL STORES—Business has been quiet in all articles; prices have varied little. Strained Resin quoted at $2 12½ ₱ 280 lbs.; 113 bbls. Common were sold at $2 10. Of Spirits Turpentine, 85 bbls. changed hands on the basis of 46c., though the general asking rate was 46½c. for merchantable, ₱ gallon. We quote Spirits Turpentine at 45½c.@47c. ₱ gallon. Crude nominal. Resin, $2 10@$6 75 ₱ 280 lbs., the latter for extra choice White. Tar, $2 35@$2 50. Pitch, $2 25 ₱ bbl.

PETROLEUM—There has been very little business reported in Crude here, or in other markets today, and prices have been more or less nominal. Crude in bulk, here, 12¼c.@13c. for early delivery; Shipping Crude, 17c.@17½c. here, and 15½c.@16c. at Philadelphia. The receipts of Crude at Philadelphia were 970 bbls. today, and 4,980 bbls. for the week. At the Creek, Upper Road deliveries were dull and weak at $3 20@$3 30, and Lower at $3 50 ₱ bbl. Refined Oil has been in light demand here on the basis of 23c. for Standard White, early delivery, with sales reported since our last of 2,300 bbls. At Philadelphia, 2,000 bbls. Standard White, for December delivery, at 22¾c., showing an easier market; and 3,500 bbls. do., March delivery, at 23⅛c. ₱ gallon. The day's receipts at Philadelphia were 2,100 bbls., and for the week, 16,517 bbls. The export clearances hence have been 12,024 cases for Gibraltar and orders, and 4,000 cases Kerosene, for Batavia. And, from Philadelphia, 101,518 gallons Refined, for Liverpool. Refined Oil, in cases, has been inactive since our last, within a range of 27c.@28c., as extremes, ₱ gallon. Naphtha continues inactive at 9c.@9½c., in shipping order, with sales of 400 bbls.; 14c.@14½c., in cases, and 4½c., in bulk, with sales of equal to 1,000 bbls., ₱ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been offered less freely, and quoted stronger in price, but has been without activity, the dealings for prompt delivery having been confined to job lots wanted for trade purposes. Sales have been reported for early delivery since our last of 450 bbls., at $19 50@$19 75, nearly all at $19 75 for new Mess; $19 25 for old Mess; $16 50@$17 for new Prime, and Extra Prime; $20@$21 for Prime Mess, of which 200 bbls. were sold within the range, ₱ bbl. For forward delivery there has been less inquiry noted on the basis of $19 75@$20 for Western Mess, seller January, February and March. Dressed Hogs have been moderately dealt in at about steady rates. We now quote the range at from 8c.@8¾c. for Western and 8¾c.@9c. for City. Cut-meats continue in light demand at yielding figures; sales equal to 75 pks., at 10½c.@11c. for Western Pickled Hams; 12c.@13c. for City do., and 8c.@8½c. for Dry-salted and Pickled Shoulders, ₱ lb. Bacon continues in moderate request at firm prices. Sales have been reported of 250 boxes Short Rib and Short Clear, at from 10⅛c.@11⅛c. Lard has been in more request for prompt delivery, mainly for shipment, and has been quoted a shade dearer. Sales have been reported since our last of 1,100 tcs. and bbls. at 11¾c.@12⅛c. for poor No. 1 to choice Steam and Kettle-rendered, chiefly at 12⅛c.@12⅜c. for new Western Steam, and 11⅛c.@12c. for City, ₱ lb. For forward delivery prices have been quoted a shade firmer on lighter offerings, but no important transactions have been reported. Beef has been in fair demand at previous quotations; sales have been reported of 120 bbls., in lots, at $10@$15 for Plain Mess; $15@$17 50 for Extra Mess, ₱ bbl. Tierce Beef has been in moderate request, chiefly for export, at $26@$28 50 for Prime Mess, $29@$32 for India Mess, ₱ tierce; sales, 130 tcs. Beef Hams rule quiet at $29@$30 50 ₱ bbl.; sales, 60 bbls. Butter has been quiet, as a rule, at previous prices. We quote: State, inferior to fancy, 20c.@42c.; and Western, inferior to fancy, 13c.@33c.; the day's receipts were 1,507 pks. Cheese continues quiet but firm. We quote at from 5c.@16½c., as extremes, for very common to fancy Factory; the day's receipts have been 3,102 boxes.

SEEDS—Calcutta Linseed has been in light stock and fair request at firm prices. Sales, today, 5,500 bags, including 1,000 bags here, at $2 12½, gold, cash; 2,500 bags to arrive by the British ship *Riversdale*, (which left Calcutta Sept. 21,) at $2 15, gold, 60 days' credit, and 2,000 bags to arrive at Boston by the ship *Andhuac*, (which left Calcutta Oct. 2,) at $2 15, gold, cash, ₱ bushel. Clover-seed has been in less urgent demand at 11½c.@11⅝c. ₱ lb. Timothy unaltered.

SOAP—Has been salable and steady. Castile at 10½c.@11c.; Colgate's Pale, 8c.; Family, 8¼c., and No. 1 at 6¼c. ₱ lb.

SUGARS—Raw have attracted less attention at about previous prices. Sales, since our last, 137 hhds. Cuba and Demerara, at from 9⅛c.@12⅛c.; and 1,800 boxes Havana at from 9⅝c.@10 5-16c. ₱ lb. We quote Fair to good Refining grades at 10⅛c.@10⅜c., Fair to choice Grocery grades, 10⅜c.@11⅛c.; Porto Rico Grocery grades range from 10½c.@11⅜c.; No. 12 Box Sugars, 12c. ₱ lb. Refined have been in moderate demand, ranging from 11⅛c.@14⅛c. ₱ lb.

TALLOW, &C.—The market continues quiet but steady. Sales, since our last, 43,000 lbs., at 8⅛c.@9c. for common to choice, chiefly at 8⅞c.@9c.; also, small lots of Stearine at 10c.@12¼c., and of Grease at 7c.@9c. ₱ lb.

TEAS—Have been quiet at unaltered figures.

TOBACCO—Has been quite moderately sought after within our former range. Sales 500 hhds. Kentucky at 7c.@10¼c., 100 cases Ohio on private terms; and 100 bales Havana at 85c.@$1 ₱ lb.

WOOL—Has been offered with reserve at prices which buyers have been unwilling to pay; hence the actual dealings have been on a very limited scale.

WHISKY—Has been steady, but quiet. Sales have been reported, since our last, of 200 bbls., in lots, chiefly 95c. ₱ gallon. Receipts, 570 bbls.

FREIGHT—Business has been comparatively tame today. Rates have been quoted firm in most instances. The offerings of freight, however, have been less extensive. There was less call for Cotton. Breadstuff, and Provision room. Some inquiry was noted for vessels to place on the berth at equal to market rates. Petroleum vessels were in light request, but held with confidence. For Liverpool, there were taken 675 bales Cotton at 5-16d.@⅜d., by sail, and ¼d.@9-16d. by steam, ₱ lb.; 150 tcs. Lard, by steam, at 50s.; 170 boxes Bacon at 45s. ₱ ton, and 300 bbls. Petroleum, by a British brig, at 5s. 6d. ₱ bbl. For London, by sail, 2,580 bbls. Flour at 3s. ₱ bbl., and 580 tcs. Beef on private terms. For Glasgow, by steamer, 1,600 bbls. Flour at 3s. 6d. ₱ bbl. For Antwerp, 12,000 bushels Wheat on private terms, and by steamer, by way of Glasgow, 100 bales Cotton at ⅜d. ₱ lb. For Gibraltar and orders, a British bark, with 2,600 bbls. Petroleum at 5s. 3d. and 6s. 3d. ₱ bbl. For ports on the Adriatic, an American bark, 427 tons register, with Petroleum, bbls. and cases, and other cargo, on private terms. For a Spanish port direct, an American brig, 386 tons register, with about 2,300 bbls. Petroleum, on private terms. For Trieste, by the Glasgow steamer, 100 bales Cotton at ⅜d. ₱ lb.

NEW-YORK CATTLE MARKET.

NEW-YORK, Friday, Dec. 23, 1870.

Trade in Live Stock is unusually dull for this season of the year, when all are expected to afford prime roasts and choice steaks and chops. Horned Cattle are dull at low rates. Sheep on this forenoon sold in large lots from 5¼c.@8¼c. ₱ lb. Veals not quoted; a few lots came to hand slaughtered and consigned direct to butchers. Hogs continue to be dealt in largely at reduced rates; this day's sales were effected at 8c.@8¼c. ₱ lb. for City-dressed Hogs. This reduction of rates is caused by the coldness of the weather, which permits the transit of Western-dressed Hogs. Bacon Pigs sell freely; City-dressed, from 9½c.@10c. ₱ lb.

SALES TODAY.

CONEY & MCPHERSON sold for HEDGES & TAYLOR 32 Steers, Ohios, ordinary Cattle, from 13c.@14c. ₱ lb., weight 7 cwt.; also, 25 cars, too late to be on to-morrow's market. T. H. DALBEY, 6 cars for to-morrow's market. B. WESTHEIMER sold for S. W. ALLERTON 41 Steers, Illinois common Cattle, at 14c. ₱ lb., weight 6¼ cwt. The break on the Central New-Jersey Railroad is reported nearly repaired, and stock trains will arrive on time.

COMMUNIPAW SHEEP MARKET.

KASE & HOUVER sold 149 Sheep, Jerseys, weight 13,750 lbs., at 6¼c. ₱ lb.; 40 Sheep, a mixed lot, from 6½c. 8½c. ₱ lb.; 8 Sheep, weight 970 lbs., at 7c. ₱ lb.; 31 Sheep, weight 3,350 lbs., at 5¾c. ₱ lb.; 204 Sheep, average, weight 72 lbs. ₱ head, at $5 18¾ ₱ cwt.; 4 cars due will arrive this evening. J. N. PIDCOCK sold 365 Sheep, weight 30,520 lbs., at 6c. ₱ lb.; 40 Sheep, weight 3,140 lbs., at 5¼c. ₱ lb.; 217 Sheep, weight 16,620 lbs., at 5¼c. ₱ lb.; 389 Sheep, weight 31,930 lbs., at 5¼c. ₱ lb.; 248 Sheep, weight 24,415 lbs., at 8¼c. ₱ lb.; 10 Sheep, weight 1,350 lbs., at 8½c. ₱ lb.; 411 Sheep, weight 30,810 lbs., at $5 31¼ ₱ cwt.

Gross arrivals at Communipaw Yars for yesterday and today, 439 head of horned Cattle, 4,106 Hogs, 2,693 Sheep, arrived in 81 cars. Due today, 35 cars of all above-quoted descriptions of Live Stock.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

BUFFALO, Dec. 23.—FLOUR dull and unchanged. WHEAT firm and inactive; Spring held $1 22@$1 25; Amber, $1 37; White, $1 45@$1 55. CORN quiet; small lots selling at 62c.@63c. for new. OATS stronger; sales 1,500 bushels Ohio at 54c. RYE nominally 90c. BARLEY, PEAS and SEEDS neglected and nominally unchanged. PORK quiet; Heavy Mess, $20. LARD quiet at 12½c.@13c. HIGHWINES nominally 90c., with no demand. The Cattle delayed by the recent storm have arrived to the number of 51 cars, making the total supply for the week 323 car-lots, against 389 car-lots same day last week; market dull, and buyers offer lower figures than at the opening; sales today, 34 head Canada Steers, averaging 1,343 lbs., at $7; 16 Canada Oxen, 1,732 lbs., at $6, and 46 Michigan Steers, 1,362 lbs., at $6 50. SHEEP—No change in prices; market closed dull with the sale of 186 Ohio, averaging 91 lbs., at $5 50. HOGS firmer; supply liberal; sales at $6 30@$6 50 for good to extra shipping.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—WHEAT—Little doing; sales, bag lot Diehl at $1 75. RYE quiet and dull. CORN steady, with a limited business; sales, 2 car lots Western Mixed and Yellow at 73c. BARLEY attracts but little attention, and the market continues to rule dull; sales, 2 car lots No. 2 Two-rowed State at 80c. OATS dull and easier; sales, 2 car lots No. 2 Western at 57c., and 1 car bagged State at 60c. CATTLE—Market quiet and unchanged at 6¼c.@8⅞c. Milch Cows—Market favors buyers. SHEEP and LAMBS—Little change except in common, which have declined a fraction; good and extras command good prices, and have been taken freely for supply of New-York market; receipts are ample; common to fair, 4c.@5c.; fair to good, 5c.@6c.; and good to extra, 6c.@7½c., with an occasional sale at 8c. HOGS—Supply large; market dull; Dressed command most attention; heavy Western, 6½c.@6¾c., and light 6¼c.@6½c., live weight.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—COTTON firm, with a fair demand at 14½c. FLOUR in good demand at full prices. WHEAT in good demand at full prices. CORN firm and scarce at 51c.@52c. RYE steady, with a moderate demand at 81c.@82c. OATS quiet and unchanged. BARLEY quiet and unchanged. Mess PORK in light demand; holders firm at $19. LARD active and advanced; Steam, 11c.; Kettle, 11¼c.; little offering. Bulk MEATS in light demand; holders firm; Shoulders, 6¾c.; Sides, 9¾c.@10c. for Clear Rib and Clear loose; ¼c. higher, packed. BACON—Only a limited jobbing demand; Shoulders, 10c.; Clear Rib Sides, 11¼c.; Clear Sides, 11¾c. Live HOGS firm, with a fair demand, mostly to fill December contracts, at $6 15@$6 30. Dressed HOGS dull and drooping, at $7 50@$7 60. TOBACCO firm and scarce; weather too cold. WHISKY in good demand at full prices. EXCHANGE steady.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—EXCHANGE unchanged. FLOUR dull and nominal. WHEAT quiet; No. 2 Spring, $1 04¾@$1 05; during the afternoon dull and unchanged. CORN firm at 45c. for No. 2; during the afternoon unchanged. OATS advancing; No. 2, 38¼c. RYE quiet; No. 2, 70c. BARLEY dull and lower at 70c. HIGHWINES quiet at 85c., iron-bound. PROVISIONS firmer and more active. Mess PORK, $18 25@$18 50; LARD, 11¼c.@11½c. Dressed HOGS quiet at $6 90@$7. Live HOGS quiet at $5 65@$6. CATTLE quiet. RECEIPTS—3,000 bbls. Flour, 37,000 bushels Wheat, 13,000 bushels Corn, 6,000 bushels Oats, 2,000 bushels Rye, 3,000 bushels Barley, 21,000 Hogs. SHIPMENTS—2,000 bbls. Flour, 2,000 bushels Wheat, 18,000 bushels Corn, 2,000 bushels Barley.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23.—COTTON—Net receipts of the week, 3,260 bales; total, 5,045 bales; today, 1,555 bales; total, 1,825 bales; exports of the week, to Great Britain, 700 bales; coastwise, 2,217 bales; today, to Great Britain, 700 bales; coastwise, 1,942 bales; sales of the week, 2,945 bales; today, 295 bales; stock, 12,193 bales; market active, closing with an upward tendency; Middling, 15½c. FLOUR firm, with increased sales at yesterday's outside figures. WHEAT quotations entirely unchanged; common dull and supply in excess of demand; choice scarce and wanted. CORN active and firm; White, 74c.@75c.; Yellow, 72c. OATS, 53c. RYE firmer at 80c.@90c. PROVISIONS easier, but unchanged. WHISKY quiet and weak at 93c.

OSWEGO, Dec. 23.—FLOUR steady and unchanged; sales 900 bbls. at $6 75 for No. 1 Spring, $7 for Amber Winter, $7 50 for White, $8 25 for Double Extra. WHEAT quiet; sales, 800 bushels Red Winter at $1 38@$1 39. CORN steady at 81c. for Mixed Western. OATS held at 58c. for Western. BARLEY, 95c.@$1 for Canadian. CORN-MEAL, $1 75 for Bolted; $1 65 for Unbolted, ₱ cwt. MILLFEED unchanged; Shorts, $20@$21; Shipstuffs, $25@$26; Middlings, $30@$33, ₱ ton. HIGHWINES, 93½c.@94c. Railroad FREIGHTS—Flour to Boston, 68c.; to New-York, 58c.; to Albany, 50c.; Grain and Millfeed to Boston, $6 80; to New-York, $5 80; to Albany, $5 ₱ ton.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—COTTON—Firmer feeling; prices unchanged. Quercitron BARK unchanged. FLOUR—Superfine, $4 50; Extras, $4 75@$5; Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota Extra Family, $5 75@$6 50; Pennsylvania do., $5 75@$6; Indiana and Ohio do., $6@$7. WHEAT—Demand light; Indiana Red, $1 43@$1 45; Amber, $1 47@$1 50. RYE commands 88c.@90c. CORN firm; new Yellow, 71c.; Mixed Western, 71c. OATS firm; State, 54c.@55c.; Western, 55c.@56c. Mess PORK dull at $19 25@$19 75. LARD, 12c. PETROLEUM dull; Crude, 15½c.@16c.; Refined, 21½c.@22¼c. WHISKY unchanged.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 23.—TOBACCO active; Lugs, $5 50@$6 75; common to medium Leaf, $9@$11 25. BAGGING firm and unchanged. COTTON active; sales 200 bales Middling at 14c.@14¼c. FLOUR firm; extra Family, $5 12½. WHEAT and OATS steady. CORN quiet and unchanged. HOGS firm at $6@$6 40. PROVISIONS firm. Mess PORK, $19 50. LARD, 11c. BACON—Shoulders, 10½c.; Clear Rib, 12¼c.; Clear Sides, 13c.; Bulk Shoulders, 6½c.; Clear Rib, 9¼c.; Clear Sides, 10c. WHISKY firmer at 87c.@88c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec 23.—COTTON quiet. FLOUR unchanged. WHEAT firm; No. 2 Red Winter, $1 25. CORN firmer at 43c.@44c. for Mixed, in bulk. OATS firm at 38½c.@40c. in bulk. BARLEY dull at 80c.@95c. RYE declining; sales at 75c. HIGHWINES steady at 89c. PROVISIONS firmer. PORK, $18 50. Bulk MEATS—Shoulders, 6½c.@6¾c.; Clear Rib, 9¼c.; Clear Sides, 9¾c.@10c. LARD nominal. HOGS firm at $6 15@$6 20. CATTLE unchanged. RECEIPTS—1,200 bbls. Flour, 5,500 bushels Wheat, 2,400 Hogs.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—COTTON—Net receipts of the week, 42,542 bales; total, 45,864 bales; net, today, 10,982 bales; total, 11,347 bales. Exports to Great Britain, of the week, 16,302 bales; Bremen, 2,900 bales; Antwerp, 2,323 bales; Genoa, 1,963 bales; Vera Cruz, 1,372 bales; coastwise, 4,787 bales. Sales—of the week, 45,300 bales; today, 5,400 bales; stock, 183,327 bales. Market—Demand fair; prices advanced; Middling, 14⅝c.@14⅞c.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 23.—COTTON—Net receipts of the week, 13,072 bales; total, 13,114 bales; today net receipts, 2,700 bales; total, 2,742 bales; exports of the week, to Great Britain, 5,408 bales; Continent, 400 bales; coastwise, 4,812 bales; today, to Great Britain, 2,460 bales; coastwise, 1,808 bales; sales of the week, 5,800 bales; today, 800 bales; stock, 32,548 bales; market active and higher; Middling, 14¾c.@15c.; Sea Island, 27c.@85c.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 23.—COTTON firm at 14¼c.@14⅜c.; receipts, 2,852 bales; shipments, 3,109 bales; receipts of the week, 20,810 bales; shipments, 17,400 bales; sales of the week, 15,100 bales; stock on hand, 26,448 bales; last year, 19,380 bales. FLOUR firm at $5@$6 50. CORN steady at 60c.@62c. OATS steady at 52c. LARD dull and nominal. Bulk MEATS dull; Shoulders, 6½c.@7c.; Sides, 9c.@10½c.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 23.—FLOUR dull and unchanged. WHEAT steady; No. 1 Milwaukee, $1 07½; No. 2 do., $1 05¾. OATS unsettled; 38c. for No. 2. CORN firmer and scarce; New, shelled, 48c. RYE, 71c. for No. 1. BARLEY, 80c. for No. 2 Spring. Dressed HOGS firmer at $7. Mess PORK, $17 50. RECEIPTS, 2,000 bbls. Flour, 23,000 bushels Wheat. SHIPMENTS, 400 bbls. Flour.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 23.—COTTON—Net receipts of the week, 28,250 bales; today, 3,388 bales; exports of the week, to Great Britain, 12,593 bales; Continent, 4,831 bales; coastwise, 7,949 bales; today, to Great Britain, 2,038 bales; coastwise, 1,756 bales; sales of the week, 9,000 bales; today, 700 bales; stock, 78,070 bales. Market very firm; holders asking higher rates; Middling, 15c.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 23.—COTTON—Net receipts of the week, 14,375 bales; today, 3,777 bales; exports of the week, to Great Britain, 10,034 bales; coastwise, 2,881 bales; today, to Great Britain, 828 bales; coastwise, 589 bales; sales of the week, 12,200 bales; today, 2,000 bales; stock, 61,721 bales; market quiet and firm; Middling, 14½c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The Stock market is weak. Original Hidden Treasury, 6, Crown Point, 16; Belcher, 6¼; Kentuck, 32; Daney, 6¾; Meadow Valley, 25; Nevada, 19; Golden Chariot, 87; Jackets, 40½; Amador, 285; Savage, 46¾; Imperial, 20; Chollar, 68¼; Hale & Norcross, 104¼; Gould & Curry, 55; Ophir, 3½.

TOLEDO, Dec. 23.—FLOUR quiet and unchanged. WHEAT in light demand; holders firm; No. 2 Red Wabash, $1 21½. CORN in light demand; holders firm; new High Mixed, 53c.; new Low Mixed, 50c. OATS in light demand; holders firm; No. 2, 44c. RECEIPTS—1,000 bbls. Flour, 1,000 bushels Wheat, 3,000 bushels Corn.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—COTTON—Net receipts of the week, 421 bales; total, 6,587 bales; today, 400 bales; sales of the week, 1,800 bales; today, 350 bales; stock, 5,500 bales; market strong; Middling, 15⅛c.@15¼c.

GALVESTON, Dec. 22.—COTTON steady; good Ordinary, 12¼c.; net receipts, 595 bales; sales, 650 bales; stock, 37,807 bales.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—Nothing done in GRAIN. PETROLEUM—Crude very dull at $4 15; Refined quiet at 20c.@20½c.

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—WHEAT firm and scarce; No. 1 at $1 22. HOGS steady at $7 05@$7 10.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 23.—COTTON—Receipts net of the week, 220 bales.

CITY POINT, Va., Dec. 23.—COTTON—Net receipts of the week, 942 bales.

TRESSILIAN COURT; OR THE BARONET'S SON.

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CHAPTER I.

A FATEFUL CATASTROPHE.

A wild storm was raging upon the Mediterranean Sea, near the close of a dreary November day, and sky and waters were black with the gloom of the sudden and furious tempest, before which a small sailing vessel was scudding under bare poles. Her build and rigging proclaimed her Sardinian. She was *The Gull*, Capt. Varino, master, on her way from Cagliari to Palermo.

She had on board two seaman and two passengers.

These passengers were Englishmen, who had procured passage on *The Gull* to Palermo, whence they intended to embark by steamer to Marseilles, the following day.

While the Captain and his assistants were attending to their duties, and expressing apprehensions as to their safety, the two Englishmen stood apart, leaning against the low bulwarks, and surveying the wild scene around them.

These men were both young, apparently of the same age, about three and twenty, but evidently they were not of the same station in life.

One, the more striking of the two, was aristocratic in his bearing, tall, slender and handsome, with a frank, smiling mouth, a pair of fearless blue eyes, set under a wide and massive forehead, and tawny hair blowing back from his face. Noble, generous and kind-hearted, he had an adventurous disposition and a dauntless courage.

He was Guy Tressilian, the only son and heir of Sir Arthur Tressilian, Baronet, of Tressilian Court, England.

His companion presented a remarkable resemblance to him, being also tall and slender and fair, with tawny hair and mustache, but he had not the frank smile, the bright, fearless look, or the joyous spirit that characterized young Tressilian. Young as he was he had seen much of the dark side of life, and his experiences had been such as to develop in him some of the worst qualities of his nature.

He was Jasper Lowder, Guy Tressilian's hired traveling companion and bosom friend.

The meeting and connection of the two had a touch of romance. Young Tressilian had spent four years in a German university, whence he had been graduated with honor. On leaving the university, in obedience to his father's written command, he had undertaken a tour of the countries inclosing the Mediterranean Sea, in company with one of his late tutors. This gentleman being unexpectedly promoted to a professorship, abandoned Tressilian at Baden, leaving him to find another traveling companion.

On the evening of the very day after this desertion, as Guy Tressilian was sauntering through the streets of Baden, he had been assaulted by a trio of his own countrymen, all more or less intoxicated. It was apparent that they took him for another, and intended to wreak vengeance upon him. Without allowing him to speak, they forced him to defend himself. Guy was getting the worst of the conflict, when a stranger came running to his assistance, and in a few moments the two had put the ruffians to flight.

This stranger, who came so opportunely to Guy's assistance, was Jasper Lowder. His resemblance to young Tressilian awakened in the latter a romantic interest. He questioned Lowder, learned that he was poor and alone in the world, and took him with him to his hotel. Believing that the similarity of features indicated a similarity of tastes and natures, he engaged Lowder as his traveling companion, and the past year they had spent together more like brothers than like employer and employed.

"This storm is a regular Levanter," said Lowder, clinging with both hands to the bulwarks. "Do you think the craft will stand it, Tressilian?"

"Oh, yes," answered young Tressilian, wiping the salt spray from his face. "The Captain knows the Sicilian coast perfectly. In two hours, or less, we shall be in the Bay of Palermo. In three hours we shall be domiciled in the best rooms of the Hotel Trinacria, with the best supper which Messer Ragusa can furnish. And tomorrow, at noon," he added, "we shall embark for Marseilles in a Messageries steamer."

"And from Marseilles you will proceed to England and to Tressilian Court," said Lowder, with some bitterness. "And I—what is to become of me? I have had a year of unalloyed happiness, and now comes back the drudgery, the hopeless toil, the anxieties of the wretched old life. You picked me up at Baden, a poor adventurer seeking to gain a living by teaching English, and the same destiny is open to me now."

Tressilian turned his handsome face upon his companion in surprise and affectionate reproach.

"Jasper!" he exclaimed, "you talk strangely. Do you suppose I have called you friend and brother so long, and loved you so well, to lose you now? I meant to have written to my father concerning you and your future, Jasper, but his sudden recall, received yesterday, causes me to return home without writing. I shall telegraph from Marseilles that you will come home with me. And you will, will you not? You will not abandon me, my friend? I will charge myself with your future. I will see that you obtain the position to which your talents entitle you. You have no ties to keep you on the Continent?"

A strange expression passed over Jasper Lowder's face.

"No, I have no ties," he said, huskily.

"And you will go home with me?"

"What will your father say to my coming?" demanded Lowder. "He will think your generosity Quixotic. He will dismiss from his house the hired companion who dares to resemble his son—"

A sudden lurch of the little vessel, a wave sweeping over the deck, interrupted the sentence.

"You wrong my father," said Tressilian, his blue eyes kindling, when the vessel had righted. "He is the noblest man in the world. He will welcome my friends as his own. You will love him, Jasper, as I do, when you know him."

"He doesn't seem very affectionate," remarked Lowder. "You have been away from your home for five years, and he has but just recalled you!"

Young Tressilian's cheeks flushed, as Lowder saw in the lurid glow that momentarily lighed up the tempestuous scene.

"You know, or can guess, the reason, Jasper," he said, with something of an effort. "My father has a ward, the daughter of an old friend. Ah! hear that wind shriek! The gale is increasing."

"Yes," assented Lowder, "And the ward is Miss Irby—the golden-haired Blanche of whom you have talked so much, and with whom you have exchanged letters?"

"Yes. My father formed a project to have me marry Blanche. He did not wish us to grow up together, lest we should learn to regard each other as brother and sister. When Blanche came to live at the Court my father sent me to Germany. The night before I left home, he called me into his library and told me all his hopes and plans for my future, and entreated me to continue worthy of his innocent ward, and to keep my heart pure for her. I have done so, Jasper. I have never yet loved any woman. And yesterday I received my father's summons to come home. He has recalled me after five years of absence. I know the wish that lies nearest his heart. He wants me to return and marry Blanche. I shrink from the proposed marriage. I dread going home. And I dread offending my dear father, whom I love better than any woman. It is hard, Jasper, to revolt against the hopes and plans of a kind and generous father, whose very love for me causes him to urge on this marriage!"

"Is it?" said Lowder dryly, and with a strange smile full of sneering bitterness. "My experience has been widely different from yours, Tressilian. Did I ever tell you of *my father*?"

"No. I took it for granted that he is dead."

"Perhaps he is. I don't know," said Lowder, with a reckless laugh. "But if he is living, he is a scoundrel. Don't start, Tressilian, at my unfilial speech. Wait till you hear my story. I am in a desperate mood to-night. This storm stirs up all the bad within me. As nearly as I can discover, my father was the younger son of a proud old country family——"

"You do not know, then?" asked Tressilian, pressing his companion's hand.

"I have no proofs of it. All I positively know is this: My mother was of humble station, pretty, with blue eyes and an apple-blossom face, and tender, appealing ways. She was the daughter of a widow, residing at Brighton. The widow, my grandmother, kept a lodging-house, and my father, a gay, dashing young fellow, came to lodge with her. As might have been expected, he fell in love with his landlady's daughter. He offered the young girl marriage, on condition that the union should be kept secret until his affairs brightened and he chose to divulge it. The young girl loved him. Her mother was ambitious and penurious. The result was the lover had his way, and married the daughter of his landlady quietly, almost secretly. Then he took his bride to London, to cheap and obscure lodgings, where, a year later, I was born."

The wind for a moment drowned his voice. As it presently lulled, he resumed recklessly, and with passionate bitterness:

"For years my mother and I lived in those stuffy, obscure lodgings until her bloom had faded, and she had grown thin and wan and nervous. My father visited us at stated seasons, once or twice a week, but he never brought any of his family to call upon us. I doubt if his aristocratic relatives even suspected the existence of the faded wife and son of whom he was secretly ashamed. I have good reason to believe that he had fine lodgings at the West End, where he was supposed to be a bachelor, and that he went into fashionable society, while my poor mother and I lived obscurely. He was a profligate and a roue, but he had an air of fashion that awakened my boyish admiration, and aroused my mother's affectionate pride in him. She was always pleading to be introduced to his relatives, and to have her son publicly acknowledged. But my father always put her off, saying that he was not yet ready. Worn out and despairing, my mother died when I was ten years old."

Again the wind shrieked past, again the little vessel lurched, the sea sweeping her deck.

The Captain screamed his orders to his men, and for a few minutes disorder reigned.

"A nasty bit of weather!" said Lowder. "And a bad sky!"

"Yes, but I've seen as bad," returned Tressilian. "We shall make port all right, never fear. We must be well on toward the Cape di Gallo. And it's only seven miles from the Cape to Palermo."

"But the seven miles in this storm are worse than seventy in good weather. These coasts are dangerous, Tressilian."

Lowder shuddered as he surveyed sea and sky.

"But about your father, Jasper?" said Tressilian, who had become deeply interested in his companion's story. "What did he do after your mother's death?"

I remained at the old lodgings with our single old servant a month or more, my father visiting me several times, and expressing anxiety as to what he should do with me. A week after my mother's death, he told me that his brother was dead. A month later, his father was killed by being thrown from his horse. My father came into riches and honors by these deaths. At last, deciding to rid himself of me, he took me down to Brighton, to my old grandmother. Her sons were dead; she had given up keeping lodgers, and was grown miserly. He promised her five hundred pounds a year to keep me, and to keep also the secret of my paternity, solemnly promising to acknowledge me some day as his son and heir. The old woman agreed to carry out his wishes. She would have done anything for money. I never saw my father again. I went to school, grew up, and at the age of twenty-one came into my grandmother's money, the fruits of years of saving, she dying at that time. My father had deliberately abandoned me. I did not know where to seek him, if I had wished to. I took my money and came abroad. I had been two years on the Continent, and had spent my little fortune when I met you. The rest you know.

"An odd, romantic story! But why did your father abandon you?"

"That he might be freed of incumbrance to make a grand marriage. From what my grandmother said at different times, I conclude that my father was in love with a titled lady before my mother's death. No doubt he married this lady. If he lives, this lady's son may be his acknowledged heir. My father has utterly disowned the son of his first hasty, ill-starred marriage. I have a fancy that I shall meet him some day," and Jasper's brow darkened to deeper blackness. "However, I stand no chance of ever receiving justice at his hands."

"What is your father's name, Jasper?" asked Tressilian.

Lowder's face darkened. He bit his lip savagely.

"What I have told you about myself I learned from my own observation, or from chance words of my parents and grandmother. My mother's maiden name was Jeanette Lowder. At our London lodgings my father bore the name of Lowder. I don't know his real name, but I should know his face anywhere, although I have not seen him in thirteen years. My mother was actually married, Tressilian, but I never heard my father's name. The clergyman who married my mother was dead; the witnesses also. When my grandmother was dying she tried to tell me the story. She had put it off too long. All that I could understand of her mumblings was the name of Devereux. I shall never forget that name—"Devereux!" Probably that was my father's name—my own rightful name. But as I should never find him if I sought him, and as he would repulse me if I did find him, I stand no chance of inheriting his property. He may be dead. He may have other sons who have succeeded him. It is all a mystery, but the prominent truth is that I am an outcast, poor, disowned and friendless."

He leaned over the bulwark, the spray dashing over his face violently.

Tressilian's heart warmed to him.

"My poor friend!" he said. "Must I say again you are not friendless while I live. My father has influence enough to obtain for you a Government appointment. This tangle may straighten itself out some day. But if it don't, you are resolute enough to make your own happiness."

He grasped Lowder's hand, and looked with warm, bright eyes, full of sympathy, into Lowder's lowering face.

There had been a temporary lull in the storm. But as the two stood there, the tempest revived and swept over the wild sea in maddened rage.

There was no time for talking now. The wind rose so high that words would scarcely have been distinguished. The storm that had gone before had been but play to this awful outburst. The vessel drove on, creaking and groaning, a mere cockle-shell on the billows.

"Mother of Mercies!" wailed the Captain. "It's all up with us, Signores. I can't make out the Cape in this darkness. We shall go on the rocks. St. Anthony save us!"

The seamen echoed his cries.

The two young Englishmen, comprehending their peril, clasped hands in silence.

For the next few minutes it seemed that a Pandemonium reigned.

Then a noise like the report of a cannon suddenly boomed through the storm and the darkness. The little vessel shivered, staggered, and careened upon her side.

She had struck upon a rock.

A moment later crew and passengers were struggling in the waters.

A few moments of buffetings and tossings, of vain struggles and agonized, involuntary prayer, and then Jasper Lowder felt his senses slip from him, and became unconscious.

When he came to himself, he was lying upon a rocky beach of the Sicilian shore, sore, bruised, and weak as a child.

He opened his eyes. The wind had spent its fury, and now moaned along the coast with a desolate, despairing wail. The waves beat against the rocks.

Lowder struggled to his elbow.

"Wrecked!" he muttered. "I am cast ashore, while the others are drowned! Oh, this is terrible! I have lost my best friend to-night!"

He moaned and wrung his hands.

"He is dead, who would have done so much for me, and I so worthless am saved! All my hopes of an easy and luxurious life must be resigned now!"

At that moment he beheld a dark object at a little distance in the water. The waves hurled this object against the projecting head of a sunken rock. At the same instant Lowder recognized it as the body of a man.

He crept toward it, and the waters dashed the body on the shore at his feet. He put his hands on the face. How cold and wet it was! It felt like the face of a dead man! Lowder's fingers came in contact with the soft, silken mustache, and he knew that the body was that of Guy Tressilian!

Of the five who had stood on the sloop's deck a half-hour earlier, these two alone were left. The Captain and his crew had found their deaths among the cruel, yawning waters.

Lowder thurst his hand under the waistcoat of his friend, but he could not perceive the beating of his heart. Despair took possession of him.

"Dead!" he said shrilly. "Dead! And he would have done so much for me if he had lived! And his father and the young girl he was to have married will wait in vain for his coming! His place at Tressilian Court is empty. Who can fill it?"

It seemed to him that some demon at his side echoed the question: Who could fill the place left vacant by noble Guy Tressilian?

A thought came to him—a thought so strange and sinister that he shivered involuntarily. Again he felt of Tressilian's heart. It gave no throb against his hand. He passed his hand over Tressilian's head and discovered a gaping wound in the skull. The hair was clotted with blood.

Putting his hand into his breast-pocket, Lowder drew out his little water-proof match-safe. He opened it with trembling fingers and struck a light. The red flicker danced on young Tressilian's face.

How ghastly and terrible it looked! The eyes were closed, the smile was gone. The seal of death seemed set on the noble features.

Lowder examined the wound. It had been made by contact with the sharp rock, and even Lowder perceived its terrible character.

"If he is not dead, he soon will be," he muttered. "His brain has received an awful injury. He will never know who he is again. He won't live till morning, and he is perhaps dead already. He must be dead!"

Again it seemed to him as though some demon echoed his words.

The match dropped from his fingers into the water. For a little while he crouched on the wet stones in silence, battling it, may be, with the better and nobler instincts of his nature.

At last, with sudden and abrupt stealthiness, his hands stole into the breast pocket of Tressilian and drew out his private note-book, a packet of letters, a few trinkets. He secured these among his own wet garments. Their possession seemed to give him courage, and his face hardened, and he knelt beside the body of his friend and rifled his garments of all that they contained, bestowing his plunder on his own person.

Then he took his own purse, his note-book, a few receipts and trifles from his own pockets, and put them in the pockets of Tressilian.

"It is done!" he whispered to himself, looking with wild defiant eyes through the darkness. "No one is harmed. He is dead. If he had lived, he would have provided for me. As he is dying or dead, I must provide for myself. This likeness between us will make my fortune. His friends will be spared a terrible grief, and I—I shall live at last! Fortune gives me a chance to gain name and wealth at one lucky stroke!"

As if to give himself no chance for repentance, he arose to his feet and turned his searching glances in an inland direction. A light, as from a cottage window, glimmering faintly through the thick haze, caught his gaze.

Raising his voice, he called loudly:

"Help! Ho, there! help!"

The wind had abated, and his cries rang out through the night with startling distinctness. The light he had seen moved and disappeared. A minute later, answering cries reached Lowder's ears, and he heard hasty steps, and saw the approaching light of a lantern, borne aloft by a man's upraised arm.

"This way!" shouted Lowder. "We are wrecked on the rocks! For the love of Heaven, hasten!"

The bearer of the lantern, attended by a male companion, came running to him, and was soon at his side. The lantern-bearer was a rough Sicilian fisherman, a grade above his class. His companion was also Sicilian, but evidently of somewhat higher degree. Both were all excitement, astonishment and sympathy.

In as few words as possible Lowder told the story of the shipwreck, and called attention to the condition of his noble young employer.

"I think he is dead!" he said, in a choking voice. "Carry him up to your cabin. Let everything be done that can be done to save him. I will pay you well for any kindness to him. Poor fellow! He was my traveling companion. I loved him as if he had been my brother instead of only my hired attendant. Poor Jasper!"

The two Sicilians lifted the helpless form of poor young Tressilian, and carried it between them toward their cottage. Jasper Lowder followed them, bewailing his loss. The above we publish as a specimen chapter; but the continuation of this story will be found only in the N. Y. Ledger. Ask for the number dated Jan. 7, which can be had at any news office or bookstore. If you are not within reach of a news office, you can have the Ledger mailed to you for one year by sending three dollars to Robert Bonner, publisher, No. 180 William-street, New-York. The Ledger pays more for original contributions than any other periodical in the world. It will publish none but the very, very best. Its moral tone is the purest, and its circulation the largest. Everybody who takes it is happier for having it.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

Official reports from Paris to the 21st inst., say that operations were resumed that day and continued until night-fall. Gens. MALRO and BLAISE occupied Neuilly-sur-Marne, Villa Evrard and La Maison Blanche, to the east of Paris. The fire of the enemy was silenced at all points. The French also captured Le Bourget, but were unable to hold it, and retired with 100 German prisoners. Gen. DUCROT was engaged on the south side of Paris, and at night occupied Groslay and Drangy. A feint was made from the west, Mont Valerien, and occupied the Island of Chiard, in the Seine. Gen. TROCHU remains outside of Paris with the army. A Prussian column was approaching Rheims, probably to attack the French Army at Laon La Fère and Chaumy. The Germans in the Department of Indre et Loire moved toward Blois. M. GAMBETTA has met with a warm reception at Lyons.

The London *Times* says, in discussing the *Alabama* claims, that the Americans are ready to fight, because their exposed points are few, and their resources unbounded, and England is averse to war for converse reasons. The weather in the South of England was cloudy for perfect observation of the eclipse of the sun, on Thursday, but it was well observed in the north, particularly at Wick.... In the Italian Chamber of Deputies, the bill ratifying the vote of the Romans in favor of annexation was recently passed by 239 to 20.... New-Year's Day is fixed for the entrance of the King elect into Madrid. DON CARLOS has issued a protest against elevating an Italian to the throne, and in support of his own claims.... Antwerp is filled with imported goods, and the authorities give notice that they can secure no more. The docks and wharves are covered with merchandise exposed to the weather.

GENERAL.

A Montreal telegram reports that Sir JOHN ROSE is on the way to Canada and the United States, on an important mission regarding the fisheries.

The supporters of the St. John, N. B., boat crew that won the Paris honors are making up a purse for another match with the Tyne men in England.

The Canadians, yesterday, experienced a sense of relief that Thursday passed without the submerging tidal wave or the earthquake predicted by somebody from the conjunction of two or three large bodies of our system and the sun. In Quebec the residents of the Lower Town had taken extraordinary precautions to protect their property from the anticipated high tide, but the tide was lower than is usual at this time of year.

At the session of the Cabinet yesterday, only Secretaries FISH and BOUTWELL were present. It lasted but a few minutes. There will be no other meeting of the Cabinet until after New-Year's, unless some extraordinary emergency arises.

The weather in Wyoming Territory is cold and snow is drifting badly. Trains on the Pacific Railway were running there on time however. Navigation at St. Louis is entirely suspended. The cold in Chicago is increasing. Five inches of snow fell on Thursday night at Fortress Monroe. The heaviest snow-fall at Wilmington, N. C., since 1857, fell on Thursday night, the snow remaining until last night.

The Messrs. ALLAN, of Montreal, contemplate establishing a line of steamers between Philadelphia and Liverpool.

The President yesterday signed Gen. SCHENCK's commission as Minister to England.

The warp mill of the Renfrew Manufacturing Company, at North Adams, Mass., was partially burned on Thursday night; loss, $50,000.

The Boston Mills at Brown's Race, Rochester, N. Y., owned by JAMES CONNOLLY & Co., were nearly destroyed by fire on Thursday night. The Irving Mills, owned by W. W. CARR & Co., were damaged by water.

An accidental explosion of 1,500 pounds of nitro-glycerine occurred at the Hoosac Tunnel, yesterday, and the Superintendent, JOHN VELSAN, was "blown to atoms."

Judge GRAY, of the Supreme Judicial Court, at a hearing, yesterday, in Boston, said he should issue a decree today authorizing the receiver of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Road to contract with Mr. MUNSON for the completion of the road to Willimantic, by consent of all the parties, as projected in the arrangement made in the United States Court some weeks ago.

We desire to call attention to the fact that we shall publish an edition of our paper to-morrow, (Sunday,) full of interesting articles appropriate to the season of the year. The literary selections, which are so popular with our readers, will be varied and copious, and two very attractive Christmas stories will be found among them. A Christmas carol written for the TIMES, *and a variety of information relating to the great Christian anniversary of the year, will be found in this department of the paper. There will also be a number of short articles on local subjects, and original sketches of great interest to all classes of readers. The Sunday edition of the* TIMES *is steadily growing in public favor, and as to-morrow is Christmas Day, the paper will be especially adapted to family reading. We have to request that advertisements may be sent in early on Saturday.*

The Present State of the Alabama Dispute.

Under the mission of Gen. SCHENCK to England, the *Alabama* question should receive a more earnest and unbiased consideration from our own public than it has hitherto enjoyed. Passion and the natural bitterness of feeling engendered by the contemptuous attacks of the English Tory Press during our life and death struggle, have too much affected the popular view in this country on this great dispute.

The exact position of the discussion at the present time, we are forced to confess, is most unsatisfactory, from whatever point of view we regard it. On the 14th of January last year, our Government, through a Minister who had been appointed to London with the highest sanction ever granted by the Senate to such an appointment, signed a convention with Lord CLARENDON, equally representing the British Government, to adjudicate all outstanding claims between the two countries. One feature after another of Earl RUSSELL's original propositions had been modified to suit Mr. SEWARD's wishes, until finally the convention seemed likely to be acceptable in its form to both countries. It was rejected, however, in the Senate by a vote of 58 to 1; and we all know why. Not, certainly, through any fault of the English Government; not from any defect in the convention; but because the fulsome adulations heaped by Mr. JOHNSON upon those who had just covered us with obloquy and insult, sickened the whole people with everything he had done. Mr. MOTLEY now appeared on the scene, and early informed Lord CLARENDON that the convention was censured in the United States because it "laid down no principle" and only covered private claims; he also suggested that its discussion for the present should be adjourned. In October, 1869, Mr. MOTLEY inclosed to Lord CLARENDON a dispatch of Mr. FISH, in which it was stated that our Government now made no demand on the British Government on account of the injuries it had sustained. To this remarkable statement, the British Ministry replied that they could make no new proposition until they knew more clearly on what basis our Government would treat. This was the last the public knew of the negotiation, until the President's statement in his recent Message, that the Cabinet at London were not willing to concede that their authorities had been guilty of any negligence, or had done or permitted any act during our civil war of which our Government had a right to complain.

It is incumbent on our people to look clearly and calmly at the position which we now occupy in regard to this negotiation. We send a most popular Minister. We offer terms of negotiation. Our adversary does not like them. We stand by them, and he yields. He does all he can to be hospitable and polite to our agent; but suddenly finds to his surprise, when the agreement is sent back to the principal, that it is thrown overboard. Another agent appears, and requests that the dispute may slumber—a course in itself not wise or prudent, for so great a difference as this between two nations should not be allowed to fester and grow worse. To say that "we could wait if England could," was no less unwise, for England has shown great anxiety of late years to settle the dispute. One of our foremost statesmen, who was supposed to be the representative of the Government in foreign affairs, made a speech on the question some time ago, which apparently held England responsible for such heavy "constructive damages," that the whole wealth of her Empire would hardly have satisfied them. Again, our agent, without any apparent reason, withdraws all claim, and waits for a proposition from the other side. Our opponent might well reply, "We don't know what to offer. We have already made a proposition, which we have modified to suit you, and you rejected it, after your Minister accepted it. What can we do now?"

The truth is, however, that all this ill-feeling and apparent indisposition to treat, upon our side, is the legitimate result of the thousand "winged words" of hate and insult and bitter contempt which the London *Times* and the Tory journals scattered like seeds of future wrath through the world, while we were in the agony of civil war. To express a lofty surprise at our unaccountable prejudice against England, as the *Times* does now, is only to continue in another form the mischievous folly of which it was guilty from 1861 until 1865. If war ever does spring up between the two nations, the armed men will come from the seed which the *Times* and a few other journals industriously planted. Still, we maintain that our Government should be free from this national bitterness of the people. An Administration should show no feeling. Public interest is its only object. The great question for us now to decide is, do we want to go to war on this question or not? Two years ago it was pointed out in these columns, by a pen which we may be allowed to say commanded universal respect, that this was the real issue on which we ought to make up our minds. Are we inclined to settle the dispute peaceably, or are we resolved that it shall never be settled until there has been a "fight?" A perfectly frank answer to this question would materially contribute to the settlement of the dispute.

We must admit that there is at present a real danger of our *drifting* into war. The next Spring will in all probability see Great Britain plunged in a tremendous struggle with Russia. Such a war would almost inevitably draw us in, were the *Alabama* claims unsettled. And what greater calamity could there be to civilization and Christian progress than such a struggle between the two leading Christian Powers? The advance of morality and true religion would be indefinitely thrown back; the spread of free institutions would be checked; pauperism and suffering would desolate the manufacturing districts of England; English and American commerce would perish, and blood be poured out on every sea, while Canada would be trampled and desolated as France is now. That such horrors are possible when arbitration might settle our disputes, is a fact repugnant to right feeling, and disheartening to all who have any hope that the future of the world's history will be brighter than the past.

The Latest Sorties from Paris.

Gen. TROCHU adheres to his programme of endeavoring to stretch the Prussian cordon till it breaks away from sheer tension. Official details have been received from Paris giving an account which bears all the marks of unvarnished truth, concerning the combined sorties of Wednesday last, and which show, very clearly, that could relief from outside be calculated upon, the Prussian investment of Paris would be held by a very insecure tenure. In one important respect, these dispatches have evidently got confused in the course of transmission, but they are sufficiently explicit to indicate pretty fully the course of the movements made by three separate detachments of the garrison of Paris on the day in question. The most important of the three was the sortie on the east of Paris, commanded by Gens. MARLO and BLAISE. Emerging evidently under cover of the guns of Castle Vincennes, and its outworks and those of the Fort of Rosny, this detachment appears to have gained, without experiencing any serious resistance, possession of the oft-disputed position at the village of Neuilly-sur-Marne, situated about six miles outside of the inner enceinte, and thence to have extended their front to Villa Evrard and Maison Blanche, two points marking the base of an irregular triangle, of which Neuilly forms the inner apex, all three being at distances of about one mile apart. On the evening of Wednesday the French evidently retained these positions, having in the line of German positions beginning on the left bank of the Marne, immediately to the south of them, the Saxon and Wurtemberger forces, whom the last sortie under DUCROT temporarily displaced; and having on the north a strong Prussian force posted in the Forest of Bondy.

The sortie under Admiral LA ROUCIERE carried Le Bourget, a point on the north-east of Paris, about half way between St. Denis and the Forest of Bondy, but the position was retaken by the Germans. On the west, a diversion was made southward from Mont Valerien against Montretout, the commanding position occupied by the Prussian batteries just in front of St. Cloud, and the island of Chiard, on the Seine, was captured, an advantage of which more details are requisite before we can estimate its importance. The fourth movement to which the telegrams advert, seems, by its results, to have been the most important of the operations of Wednesday; but as now narrated, its relation to the others is somewhat difficult to determine. Gen. DUCROT is announced to have been engaged "south of the city," a statement which seems exceedingly probable, from the apparent determination of TROCHU to engage the attention of the enemy at all points of the compass at the same time. The places, however, against which the artillery of DUCROT is said to have been directed, are, unfortunately for this theory, on the north of the city, and the points—Drancy and Le Blanc Mesnil—which he is said to have retained, are in somewhat close proximity to Le Bourget, which the garrison from St. Denis was forced to abandon, and which was evidently retaken, after a severe struggle, by the Germans. The three places, in fact, form just such another triangle as those occupied on the east of the city, Bourget, in this case, forming the apex with Le Blanc Mesnil at two miles' distance to the north-east, and Drancy at one mile to the south-east.

The utmost that can be said of this latest exploit of the garrison of Paris is, that they have once more demonstrated their capability of facing the Prussian fire with coolness and courage. The citizens of the National Guard—soldiers of but a few weeks' active training—are also stated to have participated in these engagements, and though the force directed against all these points was, doubtless, much greater than that intrusted with their defense, the success achieved is of a kind calculated to harass the investing army to a very considerable extent, and will have the effect of greatly elevating the hopes of Paris and of France generally.

Chances and Changes.

The City of Philadelphia, in its aspiration after greatness, desires, above all things, a line of steam-ships to Liverpool. Its efforts in that direction have hitherto been failures. This time it proposes to make things sure, and the Pennsylvania Central Railroad has been appealed to for succor in the form of a guarantee of bonds to be issued for the construction of the vessels. But now comes an announcement from Montreal, that the Messrs. ALLAN, the owners of a steam fleet which starts from Quebec during the Summer months, and from Portland during the remainder of the year, contemplate establishing a line from the Quaker port. The project is hardly likely to have been started without the concurrence of the Philadelphians, whose devotion to the principle of protection led them to stipulate that the steam-ships to be assisted by the Pennsylvania Central should be products of native industry. Messrs. ALLAN, being shrewd business men, would certainly not acquiesce in that condition. All their present vessels are Clyde-built, and as an economy verging upon stinginess is one of the secrets of their success, we presume that they will continue to act upon the principle of buying steam-ships where they can get them cheapest.

Assuming that the Montreal report referred to has some truth in it, we think it quite possible that Philadelphia may gain at the expense of Portland. President GRANT's foreshadowing of the retributive policy which is in reserve for Canada, as a consequence of her present policy, has evidently set many of her people thinking as to the possibilities of the future,—and Messrs. ALLAN are not improbably among them. If the privilege of transporting goods in bond through this country be denied the Canadians, the Allan steam-ships, coming to Portland, will at once feel the blow. It may be that in anticipation of this check to their prosperity the firm have taken up the Philadelphia scheme, the success of which will be largely contingent upon the ability of the Pennsylvania Central managers to control permanently a paying share of the Western trade. Their plans in this respect are not destitute of courage or comprehensiveness, and we cannot close our eyes to their prospective influence upon the commerce of this City and State.

The St. Lawrence route is, however, a more formidable competitor than any that can be established by way of Philadelphia. It would be the grandest water-route on the continent, if the spirit and strength of the Canadians equaled their opportunities. The development of the Lake Superior trade will enhance its importance. The rise of Duluth marks the advent of a new era in the commerce of the upper lakes, and though we have no idea that Chicago will disappear off the map, no great stretch of the imagination is required to understand possible changes in trade-currents consequent upon the extension of the railroad system to Superior. Philadelphia aims at the lion's share of the traffic to be thence derived, but the advantages of an all-water route are too obvious and substantial to be easily overcome. The Pennsylvania Central, it is understood, will establish a line of steamers from Erie to the head of the uppermost of the lakes. The firm that is credited with the organization of a Philadelphia line of steam-ships is also alleged to be negotiating for the purchase of the Northern Transportation Company's propellers, to be run from Chicago or Duluth direct to Montreal. The exclusion of Canadian vessels from our lake ports would render the latter enterprise nugatory. For though matters might be so managed as to retain in the United States the ownership of the vessels now belonging to the Transportation Company, we cannot forget that a war of reprisals, once begun, would lead to the exclusion of American vessels from the Canadian canals. These contingencies have a direct bearing upon any attempt to speculate on the availability of the St. Lawrence route as an outlet for the rapidly-increasing trade, whose wants and value are more correctly appreciated by the capitalists of Philadelphia than by those of New-York.

The Emperor's Pamphlet.

The Emperor NAPOLEON's love of writing for the Press does not forsake him in his adversity. Most of the reports published as if inspired from Wilhelmshoehe, and which have implied an understanding with the Prussian Government looking to the re-establishment of the Empire, have been authoritatively contradicted; and whatever may be the truth of the case, the policy of such denials is manifest. So far, however, as we can judge of the Emperor's pamphlet, by such fragments as have reached us, he does not scruple to set forth his claim upon Prussian gratitude for past favors, or even to suggest the propriety of such a feeling for favors to come. The pamphlet to which we refer is entitled, *Of the Relations of France to Germany under Napoleon III.*, and it is ostensibly written by the Marquis DE GRICOURT. This nobleman was with NAPOLEON during his sojourn at Strasbourg, and is with him again at Wilhelmshoehe. Only a small part of the pamphlet attributed to him had by last advices found its way into the newspapers—it being in its entirety, as yet, unpublished. Such sections as have met the public eye include the following considerations.

When the Paris Congress of 1856 was held, Prussia was not asked to participate in it. The then belligerent Powers were called to attend; but Prussia was pointedly excluded. England, the Emperor now takes occasion with emphasis to declare, was bitterly opposed to the admission of a representative from Prussia. The Berlin Cabinet, through the whole Crimean War, had never concealed its Russian sympathies, and this the English Ministry would not overlook or forgive. The King, FREDERICK WILLIAM IV., regarded this exclusion as a grave affront. That Prussia should have no part in a conference intended to settle the peace of Europe could be accounted, in his view, nothing less. The King, therefore, wrote a letter, at this period, to the Emperor NAPOLEON, setting forth that he considered the exclusion of Prussia from the Congress to be an insult, and asking the French Monarch to intervene to remove England's opposition. The King affirmed—as the Napoleonic pamphlet now discloses—that he confided fully in the justice and friendship of the Emperor, and added that he would "be happy to thank him for admission to the Congress, considering it as a service rendered to him personally, for which he would always be grateful." In this soreness, and the affiliations that led to it, may be traced the germs of those suspicions concerning the present understanding between Russia and Prussia that have been so widely entertained.

The strongest claim of the Emperor upon Prussian good feeling—as set forth in the quotations from his pamphlet—consists in the fact that through his forbearance alone Prussia was permitted to win the campaign of Sadowa. In support of this the various Imperial negotiations with the Prussian Ambassador, Count VON DER GOLTZ, which took place in Paris in 1866, are now made public. On this occasion, again, King WILLIAM of Prussia—the present King, that is, brother of FREDERICK WILLIAM IV.—wrote to the Emperor to conciliate him, and arrive at an understanding. The Emperor replied to the King that it was difficult to foresee the results of the impending outbreak of a conflict, but that both Sovereigns had to calculate upon their reciprocal good faith, and their mutual wish to preserve, under all circumstances, the most friendly relations. This was not thought sufficient, however, and definite negotiations were pressed. The Emperor, therefore, out of his friendly feeling for Russia, made an explicit declaration of neutrality. "It was this neutrality, so favorable to Prussia, that enabled her to commence the campaign." So writes NAPOLEON III., through M. DE GRICOURT, adding that at that epoch the confidence in Berlin respecting the kind feeling of France was so strong that Count BISMARCK remarked one day to M. BENEDETTI: "Our trust in your Government is so firm that we do not keep a single soldier on the left bank of the Rhine."

Such are the most significant contents, so far revealed, of the Emperor's pamphlet. The remainder of it will be looked for with curiosity.

Our Young Men.

That comic philosopher, Artemus Ward, in one of his lively lectures, was wont to interpolate the solemn sentiment that no young man of correct principles could be content to live in vain; that, as for himself, *he* was not willing to live in vain—he much preferred to live in New-York.

It seems not to have occurred to this homilist that it was possible to do both. At all events, none of us need to draw upon our imaginations for instances where young men have found it easy and temporarily agreeable to "live in vain," even in this same boastful New-York of ours. Our thoroughfares by night, and our hives of business by day, swarm with thousands of this class of aimless and useless young men. "Native, here, and to the manner born," many of these youth feel that New-York owes them a living, and must perforce furnish them with the facilities for getting it; but many more come from rural homes, bringing with them highly-wrought hopes and ambitious resolves respecting the acquisition of wealth and position, which they fondly imagine a few years of pleasurable toil will insure them. But to the native-born citizen and the rustic alike, the great City is a moral whirlpool, and those who are drawn within it take the rapid circuit of temptation and license, and, thereafter, the downward plunge into sure disaster. Our streets are strewn with the visible remnants of such wrecks; and the heart must indeed be hard which can refuse to aid in setting them right, wherever that is possible.

In a mercantile point of view, it is notorious that not more than three in one hundred men here who enter upon business, retire at last with both character and a competence; while not one in a hundred of the clerks of New-York achieve a commercial success. They come in crowds to play the game of life, and instead of winning, they have lost. Their hope and happiness are thus continually staked and sacrificed, while the temptations of the Metropolis, like HUGO's cuttle-fish, reach out remorselessly and drown them in despair. We have hardly the right to be surprised at these failures, when we contemplate the vast machinery here unceasingly at work, night and day, for the crushing out of all true manhood. Properly realizing the diversity, the multiplicity, the power of the evil influences brought to bear upon our young men, we may, with much more reason, be astonished that out of this wide-spreading deluge of vice, so many escape, or for any length of time hold their heads above water.

Parents and employers do not sufficiently realize the exposures to which the nearly two hundred thousand young men, who make the Empire City their place of abode, are subjected. Powerful, indeed, must be the conservative influence of early training; tender, indeed, the conscience; virtuous, indeed, the heart, which can long and successfully withstand the persistent attacks of evil in these many guises. The times before us demand that not only the Christian, but the philanthropist, the employer, the capitalist, the tax-payer, and, in fact, every individual citizen of large or limited influence, should welcome and work out the conviction that the rescue and reform of our young men is a pressing, indispensable, prerequisite toward safety, credit, and morality in our City. Until this view becomes generally accepted, and our moneyed men are convinced that it is their highest interest to aid materially in the effort to develop the young men of today into honest, moral, patriotic, public-spirited citizens; until our business men see, as clearly as some of our Christian men have foreseen, that investments of time and money and effort in this direction pay an abundant dividend, we cannot look very hopefully upon the field.

MINOR TOPICS.

The story of the Pilgrims is the Iliad of our Union, and like the tale of Troy to Greece, it grows in interest and native grandeur as time rolls on. It is a curious study of intellectual development to find a thinker like Mr. EMERSON, with whom the fathers of the New-England colony would probably have failed to discover much affinity, discoursing with characteristic insight, and thorough natural appreciation, upon the history of the communities with whom our institutions were cradled. His audience of yesterday evening had a rare and never-to-be-forgotten intellectual feast, and, doubtless, went away with a deeper consciousness of the great work achieved by the "English outcasts" on the sandy strip of eastern territory, than they before possessed. The lecture was eminently calculated to show the many-sided perceptions of Mr. EMERSON's genius, and probably gained him many admirers among classes by whom he has hitherto been imperfectly studied.

It is a commonly received opinion that most people have a right to regulate their affairs, and especially to carry on their business, in any way which they deem best, without violating the rights of others. There is an organization, known as the Early Closing Association of Dry Goods Clerks, which has resolved to put an end to that kind of liberty in what is generally supposed to be a free country. Messrs. SUGDEN & BRADBURY, a very respectable firm, carrying on business at Nos. 312 and 314 Bowery, wished to keep their store open last night until 10 o'clock. They gave notice to their clerks that those who wished to go home at the regular time might do so—those who remained until 10 o'clock would receive extra pay for their trouble. So far all seemed fair enough. But the members of the Early Closing Association seem to think that *they* are masters of this City. They informed Messrs. SUGDEN & BRADBURY that if they kept their store open, their windows would be broken. The firm in question did not choose to give way to that sort of intimidation, and they opened their store. In the course of the evening their windows, all of plate glass, *were* broken, according to promise. If the Early Closing Association particularly wished to go a short way to work to alienate the sympathies of the public from them, they have hit upon it. We only hope that the ruffians who committed this outrage will be discovered, and brought before Recorder HACKETT or Judge BEDFORD, either of whom would not be afraid to give them a taste of justice, pure and simple.

When the improvements in the City Hall Park are all finished, it is to be hoped that they will be found to have included new gas-lamps. The lamps at present just serve to make "darkness visible." Many of them seem to be on the verge of toppling over, and they all look as if they had been in innumerable gales of wind and then made a target of by small boys. The frequenters of the City Hall may naturally prefer darkness rather than light, but the public convenience ought to count for something, and in consideration of that we suggest to the Park Commissioners the propriety of exchanging their old lamps for new.

Several of our vigilant guardians of the night were brought up before the Police Commissioners, yesterday, to answer charges of insubordination, drunkenness, and neglect of duty. One of these worthies has been in the force about five years, and during that time has had eleven complaints made against him, and been fined thirty-five days' pay—a record which ought to commend him to the favorable notice of the "Ring." If the Police force is ever to be placed in an efficient state again, the members of it must be made to understand that the second or third offense of which they are proved guilty will inevitably cause their summary dismissal. But, as the *Tribune* has very properly pointed out, the only true remedy is to inquire thoroughly into the characters of the men before they are appointed, and not allow worthless vagabonds to creep into the force on the strength of "political influence."

There are many of our readers who will hear with great regret of the death of Mr. JOHN MUNROE, head of the celebrated American banking-house at Paris. Mr. MUNROE never lost an opportunity of serving his countrymen abroad, and his firm was famous for the courtesies it extended to every stranger, as well as for the high standard of honor on which all its transactions were conducted. Mr. MUNROE's loss will be severely felt, and there are many here who would be very glad if they could pay some tribute of respect to his memory. Mr. MUNROE died in London—not improbably a victim to that appalling climate which renders London, for at least five months in the year, a city not fit for a dog to live in. How it is that such a place could grow up at all, under the influences of perpetual fog and rain, is one of the unexplained mysteries of the physical universe.

We again beg our readers to remember that a fair for the benefit of the orphans of our soldiers and sailors is now open in the rooms where the French Fair was lately held. It is difficult to understand why so very little support has been accorded to this excellent charity, but it is not too late to repair the oversight. No one ought to think his Christmas purchases completed until he has laid out a few dollars in the Orphans' Fair. Visit it today, if you have not already done so, and help to soften the hard lot of many a poor child who has been left friendless in the world.

Should the reported junction of the two divisions of the Army of the Loire turn out to be a fact, it will arrive very seasonably for attempting once more to co-operate with the troops now in position outside of Paris. An army of 300,000 men that has already shown its capacity to cope with the German forces, and which has sustained successive reverses without being demoralized, is no contemptible foe, and may yet accomplish something that may make the besiegers of Paris more desirous of peace than at present. There is, however, hardly foundation enough for the statement of the junction, to warrant basing any speculation upon it.

Matinees Today.

Afternoon entertainments occur today at Wallack's, and at all the other theatres, the bill at each remaining unchanged. The fact that "Saratoga," at the Fifth-avenue Theatre, and "Barbe Bleue" at the Grand Opera-house, have their first day-representations, is to be noted. At Association Hall, the artists are to be Miss Antoinette Ronconi, Mme. Clara Perl, Signor Giorgio Ronconi, and Herr Carl Werner. The usual matinée at the Circus will be made especially entertaining by the added performance to the usual programme of the spectacle of "Cinderella."

Holidays in Missouri—Gov. McClurg Proves Himself Equal to the Emergency.

Christmas and New-Year's Day both coming on Sunday, Gov. MCCLURG, of Missouri, has issued a proclamation as follows:

Whereas, It is the expressed desire of a respectable portion of the business community that they may not be confined to banking and other business houses on Monday, the 26th instant, and Monday, the 2d proximo, and thereby be debarred from the enjoyment of those days, which will be generally observed as time-honored holidays, Christmas Day and New-Year's Day, each coming on Sunday; therefore, and as it is ever a duty and a privilege to bless the Lord for all His goodness, Monday, the 26th day of December instant, and Monday, the 2d day of January next, are hereby declared to be thanksgiving days throughout this State.

Personal.

Baron von Bethmann of Germany, is at the Clarendon Hotel. Hon. Thomas M. Pomeroy, of Auburn; Gen. Hayden, of the United States Army, and Hon. J. B. Chaffee, of Colorado, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Gen. N. P. Banks, of Massachusetts, and Gen. W. B. Hazen, of the United States Army, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. S. Sanford, M. C., Amsterdam, is at the St. James Hotel. Gen. S. F. Sewell, of Colorado; the Hon. G. R. Haines, of Pennsylvania, and Hon. M. C. Marten, of New-Jersey, are at the Grand Central Hotel. Commodore Carpenter, of the United States Navy, and Hon. G. F. Emery, of San Francisco, are at the New-York Hotel.

WASHINGTON.

The Claims of Hospital Stewards—Efforts in Behalf of the Exportation of Whisky in Bond—Christmas and the Government Clerks—The Expenses of the Patent Office—A Dinner at Secretary Fish's.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Under a decision of the Secretary of War, hospital stewards, United States Army, employed as clerks in the Departments of Washington, D. C., received no extra duty pay to which they claim to be entitled under the laws of Congress. They will now bring their cases before the Court of Claims, and have engaged Hon. A. G. RIDDLE as their counsel.

EXPORTATION OF WHISKY IN BOND.

It is probable that in view of the present condition of the distilling business, an earnest effort will be made, on the reassembling of Congress, to frame a law which will again permit the exportation of whisky in bond. The revenues from spirits are running much less than was expected, and the stock of whisky on hand is so great that no improvement from increased production can be expected for months to come. At the present price of corn in the West, alcohol can be produced cheaper than in any country in the world; yet we are debarred from the markets of the world by the inability to export a gallon under the tax. The export of spirits would pay annually five millions of our debt; and it is felt that under an honest administration of the law this safety-valve for surplus product may be properly opened. The best merchants in the Eastern cities are urging this measure, and a bill will be framed for submission to the Ways and Means Committee on their reassembling in January. The opposition once encountered in the West against this legislation is now dissipated by the condition of distilling interests at the West.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO CLERKS.

Whatever complaint may be made by Government employes here of the low salaries paid them, they must, at least, acknowledge the kind personal consideration shown them by the heads of the several Departments. This morning the Secretary of War presented each of the messengers in his office a turkey for Christmas; in the Post-office Department, all the clerks today received presents of pocket-knives; and nearly all the clerks here will receive some similar gift during the holiday season. All the Departments will be closed the day after Christmas and the day after New-Year's; and during the intervening week half the force will be permitted to stay away from office every other day, and the half that are present at the office will, all through the week, be kept only till 12 o'clock. Nearly all of the offices pay employes the full month's salary this week.

THE LAND OFFICE.

Mr. WILLIS DRUMMOND, Supervisor of Internal Revenue for Iowa and Minnesota, who is now in this city, it is believed will be the successor of Mr. WILSON in the Land Office, in the event of Mr. WILSON's removal. Certain Congressmen from the extreme West, whose influence he has secured, threaten to make a fight for his retention under the provisions of the Tenure-of-Office law; and the desire to avoid a conflict of the kind, doubtless, has considerable influence in postponing present action.

POSTAL REGULATIONS.

Postmaster-General CRESWELL has issued an order regulating the postage on circulars, price-currents, trade lists, &c., to countries with whom regular rates have not been established by treaty or convention. Cuba and several of the other West India Islands come under this regulation. Hereafter the rate will be two cents for one ounce and not over two; two cents for two ounces and not over three; three cents for three ounces and not over four; and four cents for each additional four ounces.

ALMOST DOWN TO ZERO.

The coldest weather known in Washington for many years, in December, has prevailed for the past three days. During some of the time, the mercury has been in the vicinity of zero.

THE PATENT OFFICE.

In connection with remarks about the new law in regard to the publication of the Patent Office reports, it has been stated in several papers that the net receipts of the Patent Office were only about $50,000 per year. This is a mistake. The receipts, over and above all expenditures, of the Patent Office, for the year 1869, were $206,715 06. The gross receipts for 1870 have been somewhat less than last year, and there have been some extraordinary expenditures in repairs of office-rooms and the like. Still the net receipts will reach nearly the sum of $130,000. Deducting pro rata for the copies of the reports which have been published for the use of the office itself, a sum averaging in the vicinity of $50,000 annually, and it will be seen a large favorable balance is still left. It is hardly fair to charge the office with not being self-sustaining, simply because Congress votes extravagant sums out of the Treasury to pay for a great number of the expensive reports for its own use.

THE MARKETMEN APPEASED.

The Market-house Company has ready for occupation to-morrow morning temporary quarters for all, or nearly all, the dealers who did business in the Centre Market, which was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday night. This prompt and energetic action has pacified the marketmen, who, during the first of the week, were in such a bad humor that they were ready to charge the Company with having procured the destruction of the old market; and they will now look with the same interest as other citizens to the completion of the elegant structure of which the foundations are begun. The building that has been put up this week is 500 feet long and 63 wide, and will afford excellent accommodations for 268 dealers.

PERSONAL.

Postmaster-General CRESWELL, accompanied by his family, went home to Maryland today to spend Christmas, and will be gone from this city a week.

Secretary FISH entertains at dinner to-night the Committees on Foreign Affairs of both Houses of Congress. Mr. SUMNER and Mr. SCHURZ are both present.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

CASH IN THE TREASURY.

The balances in the Treasury Department at the close of business today were as follows: Coin, $100,751,300; currency, $25,955,420; certificates, $19,151,500.

MR. BOUTWELL.

The reports which have been in circulation, to the effect that Secretary BOUTWELL contemplates a visit to Massachusetts before the election for Senator by the Legislature of that State, are probably without foundation. The truth appears to be that Mr. BOUTWELL will not absent himself from Washington until after the adjournment of the present session of Congress.

Important Decision in a Case of Life Insurance.

An important decision has recently been rendered by Judge MCKENNA, one of the Circuit Judges of the United States Supreme Court, in a case in which the New-Jersey Mutual Life Insurance Company were defendants. The Company had refused to pay a policy of $10,000 upon the life of a man who had committed suicide, the policy being held by his assignee. The decision was adverse to the Company. Nearly all the evidence adduced was on the point of insanity, it being attempted to be proven that the insured party was not in his right mind, and that death was the result of insanity. The Court decided that the man was insane; that insanity was a disease; and that death being directly the result of such disease, the holder of the policy was as much entitled to recover the amount of the policy as if death had occurred from any other kind of disease.

Central Underground Railroad.

At a meeting of the directors of the New-York City Central Underground Railroad Company, yesterday afternoon, Messrs. ALLAN CAMPBELL, ANDREW H. GREEN and LEWIS B. BROWN tendered their resignations, which were accepted, and Messrs. WILLIAM TURNBULL, WILLIAM E. RYDER and MATTHEW T. BRENNAN were elected to fill the vacancies.

The Board of Directors as now constituted consists of Wm. B. Ogden, Wm. Butler Duncan, Wm. M. Tweed, Marshall O. Roberts, Henry Smith, James M. Sweeny, Wm. Cauldwell, Wm. A. Whitbeck, Melville C. Smith, N. B. La Bau, James F. Pierce, C. K. Garrison, A. G. Darwin, Wm. Turnbull, Wm. E. Ryder and Matthew T. Brennan.

VANCE'S EXPLANATION.

The Ex-Rebel and Senator Elect from North Carolina Tries to Justify Himself—His Treatment of Union Soldiers During the War—A Desire for "the Unity and Perpetuity of the Whole Country."

Ex-Gov. VANCE, of North Carolina, writes the following important letter, in view of his recent election to the United States Senate, to the editor of the Washington *Chronicle*, in defense of himself and his action during the war:

You have stricken me some heavy and some unjust blows; will you allow me to parry through your columns?

Referring to my election to the United States Senate, you charge, in a recent issue, that it has been my constant boast that my opinions and feelings have undergone no change since the war, that my children are taught to hate the Government, &c. I deny this last, most emphatically. It is simply untrue. It is difficult to tell what you mean by the former. If a four-years' war had been fought to prove the incorrectness of the multiplication table, I do not see how the victors could force upon their adversaries the conclusion that that venerable institution lied. If you mean that my abstract opinions as to what was right have not been changed by the results of the war, you are correct; but if you meant to say that I do not accept those results, each and all of them, and guide my conduct as a citizen thereby, your charge is incorrect. I can well see how a beaten party may be required to acknowledge that fact, and to engage that he will forever refrain from attempting those things again which were the cause of the collision. But it seems to me that he would be quite a sorry dog, indeed, who should acknowledge that he had for four years participated in all the horrors and calamities of civil war for a cause that had so little reason to sustain it that it became wrong as soon as two men and $10 proved too strong for one man and $1.

You also charge that "less than three weeks ago, in a speech delivered in Wilmington, he (I) said that he (I) never asked for a pardon, and never would," &c. It is sufficient to say, in reply to this, that the last political speech I made in that city was in August, 1864. So that is an error, as is also the coarse and profane expression which you allege I uttered "some time ago," and which has been denied by me again and again.

But the charge which most concerns me of the many which you bring against me is that my skirts are not clear "of responsibility for the inhuman treatment of Union soldiers at Salisbury during the late war." I am not disposed to disavow my share in that great struggle. However opposed to it at the beginning, it would be worse than uncandid in me to deny that when forced into it by the action of my State, I went into the war with all my might and persisted to the end. But I do deny that I exceeded in any way the bounds of civilized warfare; I do claim that I fought that fight with manliness and humanity. So far from any responsibility whatever resting upon me for the ill-treatment of prisoners, it is well known that they were exclusively under the control of the Confederate authorities. Notwithstanding this, when informed of the condition of these prisoners, I wrote at once to the Secretary of War, and urged him, if it was possible, to provide for their wants; and I secured the passage of an act of our General Assembly authorizing me to furnish them supplies of blankets and clothing on condition that I would make an arrangement with the Federal authorities to furnish similar supplies to North Carolina soldiers in Northern prisons. Before this could be effected the prisoners were removed from Salisbury. The proof of this may be found in my official letter-book in custody of the Government in Washington, and in the acts of the Legislature of North Carolina.

The industry which it is said has been exerted in hunting my record is most remarkable, since it has exhumed almost as much of what I did not, as of what I did do. And it seems, also, that the acts with which I am justly chargeable are urged as a reason why amnesty should never be extended to me. If I had not committed them I should need no amnesty. For this reason I expect to ask for it.

We, of the South, have been told again and again, that we must give up the dead issues of the past, accept things as we find them, and strive to improve the future. This is good advice from our Northern brethren. I, for one, resolve to conform to it, and propose again to participate in the service and the honors of my country. Instead of lending me a helping hand, many who were loudest in their exhortations begin to search through that thing of dead issues—the past—for reasons why I should not be permitted to improve the future; and a law by which I am made a degraded man in the land of my birth, is held up before my eyes for a memorial, and a testimony that the past, like the poor, is ever with me! How can we thus forget it? Will you, Sir, help us? Will the visitors attend the funeral of this past, and throw the first clod upon its coffin? If so, I will engage that it will be buried forever. Because we hold fast the bond of faithfulness to each other in the shadows of defeat and humiliation, is no reason why, if permitted, we should not glory in the splendors of the great Republic. Because we refuse to leave off mourning over the desolation of our homes and the slaughter of our sons, is no reason why we should refuse to rejoice over the prosperity of the whole reunited land. Because we refuse to turn our backs on the brave and honest men, living and dead, who followed our banners in obedience to the doctrine of State sovereignty, is no reason why we should not fraternize with equally brave and honest men who fought on the other side.

I protest to you, Sir, that I am an obedient and law-observing citizen of the United States; that I acquiesce in and will maintain all the legitimate results of the war; that I earnestly desire the unity and perpetuity of the whole country, its prosperity and honor. I desire never again to see its great energies, its vast resources, its illustrious soldiers and its wise statesmen engaged in the ignoble task of self-destruction; but fervently pray that every atom of the wealth of its bosom, and every spark of the genius of its children may be devoted to the common welfare henceforth and forever. And in attestation of all this, I pledge a faith which stood by a sinking cause through misfortune and defeat, bright and untarnished—as my bitterest enemy must say—because honor and duty required it.

Very respectfully, Sir, your obedient servant,
ZEBULON B. VANCE.

Kings County Republican General Committee—List of the Newly-Elected Members.

The election of delegates to the Kings County Republican General Committee took place on Thursday night in the various wards and county towns. The contending factions were known by the respective titles of Bliss and Webster men. The former appear to have had a little the best of the fight. The following are the names of the men elected. Those marked with an asterisk were in the Committee last year:

First Ward.—*Leudovic Bennet, *Daniel Ward, Lorin Palmer, *Henry E. Bowen, John Fowler.
Second Ward.—*James Hanley, *A. G. Becude, *Alexander Johnson, George Williamson, Arthur McCaffrey.
Third Ward.—*A. B. Thorn, *B. F. Tracy, *M. G. Bulkeley, T. Dimon, C. R. Colyer.
Fourth Ward.—Luke C. Ryder, Augustus D. Limberger, Constant Hesdra, F. M. Crafts, John Lee.
Fifth Ward.—*John Learey, Leander Conklin, John Shandley, Chas. A. Brunt, George Edwards.
Sixth Ward.—*M. P. Beaton, H. W. Shortwell, Jas. H. Taylor, A. E. Tweedy, J. E. Peckett.
Seventh Ward.—*Erastus D. Webster, David S. Stewart, Matthew H. Walker, Joseph Deube, James Friel.
Eighth Ward.—*James Woodhead, William Aikens, Wm. Woods, John McKellar, Ira A. Kimball.
Ninth Ward.—A. G. Williams, Andrew Gregory, Jr., Phillip F. Brennan, Geo. T. Knight, Maurice Fitzgerald.
Tenth Ward.—D. B. Hasbrouck, Gen. James Jourdan, *J. T. Norton, *John H. Clyne, *George Thomas.
Eleventh Ward.—William Wallace, Henry Elliott, J. R. Conklin, Jesse G. Pitts, Adam T. Dodge.
Twelfth Ward.—*C. M. Felt, F. S. Johnson, *Jas. Fairbairn, *D. H. Coll, *Jas. Johnson.
Thirteenth Ward.—B. W. Wilson, *Chas. Morton, Chas. Small, *James Markey, W. W. Merrihon.
Fourteenth Ward.—*Samuel T. Maddox, W. R. Beeston, John T. Venus, Thos. Rowlinson, Wm. Streeton.
Fifteenth Ward.—F. W. Jennings, Wm. Harrigan, S. J. Burrows, Wm. Vandervoort, James F. Wood.
Sixteenth Ward.—*Jacob Worth, E. H. Ternere, George Giehl, Julius Wieman, H. Jones.
Seventeenth Ward.—John McDiarmid, *H. S. Bellows, John Ruland, D. W. L. Moore, Clinton Furbish.
Eighteenth Ward.—*George C. Bennet, *Chas. T. Chapman, *George Zettlein, S. L. Coverly, J. S. Marshall.
Nineteenth Ward.—*George H. Fisher, Albert Dagget, *J. F. Ames, Jos. Walter, Isaac S. Catlin.
Twentieth Ward.—George G. Reynolds, R. D. Benedict, R. M. Whiting, Samuel E. Belcher, Wm. S. Wright.
Twenty-first Ward.—F. B. Fisher, J. T. Ellery, J. W. Flinn, E. H. Flavin, W. L. Hubbell.
Twenty-second Ward.—Silas B. Dutcher, Wm. Richardson, Daniel K. Travis, A. B. Richardson, John V. Scott.
New-Utrecht.—*S. M. Blatchford, *W. J. Cropsey, W. H. Wright, *T. M. Hegeman, *R. C. Currie.

The Newark French Bazaar—Substantial Results.

Last Thursday evening the Committee of the French Fair and Bazaar at Newark held a meeting. The report of the result of the Fair was presented by Mr. CH. COURTOIS, President, as follows: Cash, $3,210 94; value of goods, $665 25; total, $3,876 19. A concert is to be given in Newark next month in aid of the sufferers in France. Mr. LIVU UNGEMARK, a delegate from Strasbourg, was introduced and explained the desperate state of affairs in Alsace, Lorraine and especially Strasbourg. After the departure of this gentleman the Committee resolved that $1,500 should be sent for the relief of these sufferers, and M. COURTOIS was charged to send the sum to its destination, directed to the care of the American Consul at Strasbourg.

Police Commissioners—Transfers and Appointments.

At a meeting of the Board of Police yesterday, the following important transfers were made: Capt. Chas. Ulman, Thirteenth Precinct, to the First; Capt. Jos. H. Petty, First Precinct, to the Thirteenth; Sergeants John F. Buckley, Seventeenth Precinct to the First; Wm. Schultz, Nineteenth, to the First; Francis B. Randall, Twenty-eighth, to the First; Patrick H. Pickett, Eighth, to the First; James Lonsdale, First, to the Twenty-eighth; Wm. B. Sminck, First, to the Seventeenth; Theron E. Thompson, First, to the Nineteenth; George W. Gastlin, First, to the Eighth. The effect of these transfers is a complete revolution in the First Precinct, and they are supposed to have been made in consequence of the revelations upon the trial of Officer Doyle, in connection with the combination lock of the Farmers' Trust and Loan Company.

Abed Firth was made a Sergeant and assigned to the Second Precinct for duty. Patrolman Francis McDonnell, Seventeenth Precinct, and John Roddy, Fourteenth Precinct, were retired upon pensions. Peter Thomson, one of the oldest reporters connected with the New-York Press, was appointed Stenographer to the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of David D. Mellish.

The Ledger for the New Year.

The New-York *Ledger* for Jan. 7, begins the publication of a new story by Mrs. HARRIET LEWIS, entitled "Tressilian Court; or, The Baronet's Son." Like all the stories published in the *Ledger*, "Tressilian Court" is pervaded with a pure moral tone. So popular are Mrs. LEWIS'S stories on the other side of the water, that three or four London periodicals are in the habit of printing them from the *Ledger*.

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Holiday Presents for Ladies.
A good Sewing-machine lightens the labor and promotes the health and happiness of those at home. The Grover & Baker is generally acknowledged to be the best Sewing-machine for family use. Sales-room No. 495 Broadway.—*Advertisement.*

The Best Holiday Gift.
A FLORENCE SEWING-MACHINE.
—*Advertisement.* No. 505 Broadway.

FURS.—BURKE, the Furrier, has removed to No. 661 Broadway, where he is offering bargains in Furs. BURKE has a branch store at No. 128 Fulton-st.—*Advertisement.*

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The edition of to-morrow, Christmas Day, will be a publication of more than ordinary interest, as it will not only have all the familiar features of our Sunday editions but will contain a quantity of pleasant Christmas Reading.

The CURRENT LITERATURE department will include two capital CHRISTMAS STORIES, a CHRISTMAS CAROL, written expressly for the TIMES, and short extracts from CHRISTMAS PUBLICATIONS abroad, giving information relating to the joyous anniversary;—

There will be given elsewhere an article on MERRIE CHRISTMAS OF OLD, quaint and curious customs and their origin; about the Yule Log, the Mistletoe Bough, the Lord of Misrule, and Carol Singing; Queer Ceremonials and Superstitions of the Past;—

Also a Sketch of CHRISTMAS IN INDIA, describing the manner of celebrating the day in the hot country, the processions, the giving and receiving presents, and the Christmas Calls of State, &c.;—

Also Christmas Editorials, and other original and selected Christmas matter;—

Among the other features will be a special article on COSTUMES AND COSTUMERS; a look behind the scenes of some Bowery and Broadway concerns; extent of the business; how elaborate costumes are fashioned; costumes and properties for amateur theatricals; what is done with worn-out dresses;—

The usual quantity of NOTES AND COMMENTS, short paragraphs on queer subjects, discovered here and there in our domestic and foreign exchanges, specially prepared for the Sunday edition of the TIMES;—

EDITORIALS, ARTICLES AND NOTES on topics of the day, political, social and general;—

The MUSICAL and THEATRICAL NEWS and GOSSIP of the week, at home and abroad, with announcements of promised new attractions;—

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WHITNEY—OATMAN.—On Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the Church of the Redeemer, by Rev. Edward Jessup, SOLON WHITNEY, Jr., of Niagara Falls, to GRACE VIRGINIA, daughter of Oscar F. Oatman, of Brooklyn.

DIED.

BEERS.—On Wednesday evening, 21st inst., MARGARET V. A., widow of Cyrenius Beers.

Funeral services on Saturday, 24th inst., at 10 A. M., at her late residence, No. 255 West 23d-st. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

DOW.—On Thursday evening, Dec. 22, of consumption, WILLIAM WADE DOW, aged 23 years, 9 months and 23 days.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral on Monday, Dec. 26, at 12½ o'clock, from his late residence, Nanuet, Rockland County, New-York. Trains leave foot of Chambers-st. and 23d-st. at — A. M.

FRENCH.—On Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1870, CASSIE, daughter of Philip and Joanna French.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her father, No. 114 River-terrace, Hoboken, on Saturday, at 1 o'clock.

JONES.—On Dec. 22, ISAAC F. JONES, in his 68th year.

Funeral from the house No. 331 West 22d-st., on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 11 A. M.

MYERS.—On Thursday, Dec. 22, GERTRUDE B., daughter of F. M. Myers, and granddaughter of Geo. W. Tucker, aged 6 months and 11 days.

The funeral will take place on Sunday at 2 o'clock P. M., from the residence of Charles W. Bathgate, Fordham.

MUNROE.—Mr. JOHN MUNROE, late of Paris, died in London on the evening of the 21st inst.

RYER.—On Wednesday, Dec. 21, WM. RYER, in the 60th year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from Rose Hill M. E. Church, 27th-st., near 3d-av., on Saturday, 24th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

STORM.—On Wednesday evening, 21st instant, at the Fifth-avenue Hotel, JOHN B. STORM, only son of the late Isaac A. Storm.

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AT THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Trustees of the Sailors' Snug Harbor, held Dec. 20, the following persons were admitted to the institution, viz.:

Joshua Sherwood, a native of New-York, 75 years of age; worn out; has sailed under the United States flag thirty-five years.

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POLITICAL NOTES.

The New-Orleans *Times* mildly calls Gen. BUTLER'S Amnesty bill the product of insatiate vindictiveness.

The Pennsylvania Republicans are signing petitions to the Legislature, asking for a State Constitutional Convention.

The Democratic papers of Pennsylvania talk a great deal about reform, but they do not favor a State Constitutional Convention to secure it.

The Delaware Legislature, which meets Jan. 3, is unanimously Democratic in both branches. Last year there were two Republicans in it.

Gen. JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Congressman JOHN B. PACKER and State Senator HARRY WHITE are candidates for the Republican nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania. Among those on the Democratic side urged for the nomination is Gen. GEORGE W. CASS.

Those two St. Louis papers which have appropriated each other's appropriate name, are now wrangling over the question which can appropriately claim all the glory of the victory in the recent State election. The *Democrat* insists that it was a Republican victory, and the *Republican* insists that it was a Democratic victory.

The Richmond *Enquirer* argues that the Democratic Party does not deserve to be called sectional, merely because it did not conduct the last war,—"the war in which," as it says, "the money of one section overpowered the superior courage and manly virtues of the other section."

The infliction of penalties for neglecting to discharge the duty to vote, is favored by the Boston *Journal*. It suggests that it might be sufficient to provide that no man shall be eligible to office at any election, who has failed to vote at the three elections next preceding.

The Pittsburg *Commercial* is free to admit that the Republicans of Pennsylvania fail to perceive how a Cabinet officer from their State is of such great political importance either to them or the country as certain interested persons have been insisting.

In view of the fact that Mr. TWOMBLY, of this City, has been counted out from his seat in the Assembly, that the Democrats might have a majority, the Albany *Evening Journal* and the Ogdensburg *Journal* both call upon the Republican members to decline to permit the organization of the House until this glaring outrage is corrected.

Hon. JACOB BENTON has addressed a letter to the Republicans of the Third District of New-Hampshire, in which he says, that as he has served two terms in Congress, he will not seek a renomination, rotation having heretofore been the rule in the district. In retiring, he says that, while he does not claim that his action has been free from error, he has endeavored to serve his constituents faithfully, and in no instance can it be truly said that he has bartered away official patronage for his own preferment, personal advantage or continuance in office.

Some of the Democratic papers in Georgia have not yet gained wisdom enough to agree with Hon. BEN. H. HILL, that they should accept the situation and make the most of it. The Augusta *Constitutionalist* is especially unhappy over Mr. HILL'S address to the people, and it bewails because "one by one the public men and leading journals of the South strike their colors and virtually fall into the ranks of the enemy." To the *Constitutionalist* this result of course is simply horrible, and it roundly asserts that, so far as it is concerned, it does not care the toss of a copper between a Chase Democratic Administration and a Sumner Radical one.

It seems to be very hard for a few fretful Southern writers to realize that they are merely keeping alive at the North a feeling of opposition to general amnesty, by such idle, foolish and uncalled-for words as these which we quote from the Vicksburg (Miss.) *Herald*: "The men who followed the banners of LEE, look with scorn upon the man who links his immortal name with that of that recreant, renegade Virginian, GEORGE H. THOMAS. And yet, to conciliate the Mortons, the Yates, the Chandlers, and other radical hounds in the Senate, he (Mr. McCREERY,) insults the memory of our beloved and honored chief, by associating him with the most despised and detested renegade ever spawned upon the bosom of Virginia."

There is a vacancy in the State Senate, caused by the recent death of Hon. ISAIAH BLOOD, and Attorney-General CHAMPLAIN has decided that the Governor has not the power to fill it by appointment, it being a legislative office, and that the laws do not provide for holding a special election in this case. The situation is peculiar, and the Legislature must pass a law to meet its requirements. Mr. CHAMPLAIN says that provision is made by statute for special elections, at the call of the Governor, to fill vacancies in the Legislature only—first, when an extra session is called, and a vacancy occurs between April 1 and ten days before the time appointed for the session; second, when a member's right of office ceases before the commencement of the term for which he was elected; and third, when the vacancy occurs after the last day of December in any year and before the first day of March following. Neither of these cover the present case, as Mr. BLOOD died after entering on his term of office, and before the 1st of December.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

No business was transacted at the Exchange yesterday, (Dec. 23,) the adjourned legal sale noticed to take place, under the direction of ROBERTS & MCGUIRE, of a lot on the Bloomingdale road, being again adjourned until the 29th inst. The market in all its branches is extremely quiet, and will so remain until after the Holidays. All the sales for next week are by order of the Supreme Court, and generally of an unimportant character. Activity in operations is not expected at present, and until about the middle of January next, but little change in the existing order of affairs is either looked or hoped for. The recent sale of lots reported by WM. H. RAYNOR, as located on Sixty-fifth-street, west of Madison-avenue, should have been located east of that thoroughfare.

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Riverdale-av., w. s. 50 ft. s. of Hudson-st., 25 x25 ... $1,500

QUEENS COUNTY.

Long Island City.

East 3d-st., s. s., 325 ft. e. of East-av., 25x75.5, h. and l., Cannon's ... $1,200
East 6th-st., n. s., 250 ft. w. of East-av., 25x100 ... 1,000

Whitestone.

Broadway and Kissam-av., n. e. corner, 50x150, Kissam's ... $310

Newtown.

Newtown and Bushwick turnpike, n. s., adjoining Johnson's, 2 1-10 acres and h. ... $8,000

Ravenswood.

Ravenswood pike and East River, 4 acres ... }
Ravenswood pike and East River, adjoining Rogers', 1 acre and h., Battershall's ... } $70,000

NEW-JERSEY.

Newark.

Court-st. and South 6th-st., s. e. cor., 60x100 ... $2,450
Ferry and Jackson sts., n. e. cor., 24.5x89.1 ... 1,400

Orange.

South Cleveland-st., s. s., 212 ft. s. of White-st., 83x109 ... $3,000

Montclair.

Carteret-st., n. s., 100 ft. w. of Lincoln-av., 125 x300 ... $20,000

Jersey City.

Cook-st., w. s., between Newark and Hoboken avs., 88x123 ... $2,717
College-place, s. s., lot No. 39, McLaughlin's map, 25x100 ... 1,000
De Kalb-av., n. s., lot No. 59, Weldon's map, 25 x78 ... 700
Fairview-av., s. s., 100 ft. e. of Bergen-av., 100 x100 ... 7,500
South 2d-st., n. s., 81 ft. e. of Monmouth-st., 16 x50 ... 4,300
Lots Nos. 32, 33, 35, 36, 34, Passaic Ice Company's map, 125x100 ... 4,005

Bayonne.

Union-av., w. s., 75 ft. s. of Oak-av., 42x125 ... $4,000

Hoboken.

Lot No. 14, block No. 18, Coster's estate ... $1,800

Union.

Hackensack Plank road, w. s., 125 ft. n. of New-st., 31x259 ... $10,816

Harrison.

Grand and Reynold avs., s. w. corner, 100x120 ... $2,800

CITY REAL ESTATE.

A FULL SIZE HIGH STOOP MODERN brown stone dwelling, on 47th-st., near 5th-av., for sale at $37,000.
V. K. STEVENSON & SON, No. 11 Pine-st.

FOR SALE OR TO LET—THE SPLENDID dwelling-house No. 150 2d-av., near 10th-st., in perfect order; possession given 1st of February, or sooner if desired. For permit apply to W. A. RANSOM, No. 384 Broadway.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS STORE ON the west side of Broadway, near Fulton-st.; lot in fee; price low and on easy terms. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE OR TO LEASE FOR A TERM OF YEARS—A house and two lots, 25 by 100, corner of 18th-st. and 4th-av., Brooklyn. For particulars, inquire of J. M. FULLER, No. 244 Fulton-st., New-York.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

A CARD.

THE CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY, having become a favorite line of settlement for persons doing business in New-York, the subscriber, in order to aid persons wishing to obtain a country home, will keep a
COMPLETE LIST OF PROPERTY FOR SALE on the line of the road, from Jersey City to Easton.
A. D. HOPE,
Office of "The Central New-Jersey Land Improvement Company," No. 119 Liberty-st., New-York.

ORANGE, N. J.—VILLAS, VILLA SITES and farms, a great variety, beautifully situated one hour from N. Y., for sale low. Also, country-seats and houses to let for the season, or year, by BLACKWELL & SMITH, No. 243 Broadway, N. Y., 9 to 11 A. M.; Orange, corner Main and Cone sts., 1 to 5 P. M.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO LET OR FOR SALE—AT ELIZABETH, comfortable 12 room house; modern fittings; near depot; 45 minutes from Wall-st.; 50 trains daily—commutation 11 cents per trip, on favorite line of travel. Inquire at West Elizabeth (Jersey-st.) station, or address C. C., Box No. 226 Post-office, New-York.

TO LET OR LEASE—IN MADISON-AV., Murray Hill, elegantly-furnished brown-stone high-stoop narrow four-story house, to a small private family, for one, two, or three years. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

TO LET—A FEW COMMODIOUS FLATS OR complete suites of rooms in an apartment building on the French plan, under the permanent care of a janitor. Inquire of CHARLES C. WAKELY, No. 104 East 10th-st., New-York.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

STORAGE STORES TO LET OR FOR SALE.—The granite stores, Nos. 5 and 6 Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn, fronting East River and rear street adjoining Hamilton Ferry, would be let for $2,400 or sold together for $26,000. Apply to W. N. CLARK, No. 170 William-st.

OFFICES TO LET IN THE BIBLE-HOUSE, 4th-av., 8th and 9th sts. Desirable rooms, singly or en suite, on second story, fronting on Astor-place; rooms heated by steam. Apply at Treasurer's office, 4th-av.

TO LET—THE ELIGIBLY SITUATED double marble stone basement, Nos. 594 and 596 Broadway, 50x200. Apply to A. RAYMOND, No. 123 Fulton-st.

STORES AND LOFTS TO LET AT low rents, a few doors east of Broadway. Apply on the premises, Nos. 90 and 92 White-st.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

E. H. LUDLOW & Co., Auctioneers.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF THE ESTATE of A. J. Cipriani, at 12 o'clock, Jan. 26, 1871, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, viz.: Buildings and lots, No. 11 Pine-st., No. 73 Nassau-st., and No. 43 Liberty-st.; six-sixteenths in packet ships of the Black Ball line; $2,890 scrip Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, and 404 acres 111 perches of land in Monroe County, Penn.
Particulars at auctioneers' office, No. 3 Pine-st.

WATCHES, JEWELRY, &C.

$10 $15. $20. $25.

THE COLLINS WATCH FACTORY.

Our superior Oroide Watches having recently been imitated, and worthless watches sold in New-York, Boston, Chicago, and other cities, represented as our manufacture, we hereby caution the public against them, and give notice that we are in no way responsible for these bogus concerns, and only those purchasing directly from us can secure a genuine watch of our manufacture. We have recently greatly improved our Oroide in appearance and durability; and to protect the public from imposition hereafter, have named it the "COLLINS METAL;" and we give notice that any one making use of this name will be prosecuted to the extent of the law.

This metal has all the brilliancy and durability of gold; cannot be distinguished from it by the best judges; retains its color till worn out, and is equal to gold excepting in intrinsic value. Prices—Horizontal watches, $10; full-jeweled patent levers, $15, equal in appearance and for time to gold ones costing $150; those of extra fine finish, $20, equaling a $200 gold watch. Also, an extra heavy, superbly-finished and splendid watch at $25; this equals in appearance a $250 gold one. All our watches are in hunting cases, gents' and ladies' sizes. Chains, $2 to $8. Also, jewelry of every kind, equal to gold, at one-tenth the price.

"The goods of C. E. Collins & Co. have invariably given satisfaction."—*New-York Times.*

"One of the $20 watches is worn in our office, and we have no hesitation in recommending them."—*Pomeroy's Democrat.*

TO CLUBS.—Where six watches are ordered at one time, we send a seventh watch free. Goods sent by express to all parts of the United States to be paid for on delivery.
C. E. COLLINS & CO.,
No. 335 Broadway, corner Worth-st., (upstairs,) New-York.

THE BEST PLACE TO BUY AMERICAN and English watches, jewelry, silverware, cuckoo and French clocks is at FRANKFIELD'S old established jewelry-stores, 6th-av., corner 14th-st., and 8th-av., corner 26th-st.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES, COURT-HOUSE, PARK, NO. 32 CHAMBERS-ST., Dec. 22, 1870.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all persons who may have omitted to pay their taxes to pay the same at this office before the 1st day of January, 1871. On and after that date interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, calculated from Oct. 6, 1870, to day of payment, will be added. On the 15th day of January, proximo, warrants will be issued for the collection of all personal taxes remaining unpaid on that date.
BERNARD SMYTH, Receiver.

FURNITURE.

FURNITURE TAKEN ON STORAGE in the lofts No. 13 4th-av. Apply on the premises to CONKLINS & BAYLES.

BILLIARD TABLES.

$300 WILL BUY A STANDARD-SIZE billiard-table complete, furnished with the celebrated patent cushion, slate bed, &c. Purchasers will find it to their advantage to call on KAVANAGH & DECKER, corner Canal and Centre sts.

MISCELLANEOUS.

GUERLAIN,
PERFUMER,
Paris, No. 15 Rue de la Paix. Gloves.

FINANCIAL.

Montclair Railway
NEW-JERSEY
7 PER CENT.
GOLD
1ST MORTGAGE BONDS,
INDORSED BY THE
NEW-YORK AND OSWEGO
Midland Railroad Co.,
FOR SALE IN
DENOMINATIONS
OF
$1,000, $500 AND $100.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
EXCHANGED AT MARKET RATES.

SEND FOR CIRCULAR AND MAP.

LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER,
BANKERS,
NO. 10 WALL-ST.

VERMILYE & CO.
BANKERS,
16 and 18 Nassau-st., New-York.

DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.
BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION
RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD.
MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES.
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

8 per Cent. Interest FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS
OF THE ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY.
Principal and Interest Payable in Gold.

105 MILES COMPLETED, and in operation, the earnings on which are in excess of interest on the total issue. Grading finished, and ONLY 6 MILES OF TRACK ARE TO BE LAID TO COMPLETE THE ROAD. Mortgage at the rate of $13,500 per mile. Price 97½ and accrued interest. We unhesitatingly recommend them, and will furnish maps and pamphlets upon application.
W. P. CONVERSE & CO., No. 54 Pine-st.
TANNER & CO., No. 49 Wall-st.

CITY STOCKS,
THE BEST SECURITY IN THE WORLD,
SEVEN (7) PER CENTS,
TWENTY TO THIRTY YEARS TO RUN.
DITTO DUE IN 1874-75,
FOR SALE.
GEO. K. SISTARE, No. 24 Nassau-st.
P. S.—City 6s bought and sold.

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF
MEMPHIS CITY BONDS.
MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 30, 1870.

$500,000 OF THE THIRTY-YEARS GOLD BONDS of the City of Memphis, known as FUNDING BONDS OF 1870, principal and interest payable in gold coin, as authorized by ordinance of the General Council of the city, for the purpose of funding a like amount of the due debt of the city, are now ready for delivery in exchange for any of the due debt at par. Interest will be allowed upon past due
BONDS, COUPONS, NOTES AND SCRIP, from maturity until Nov. 1, 1870, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, at which date the interest upon the Bonds commences at the rate of six per cent., payable in gold, semi-annually, in the City of New-York, on the
FIRST DAY OF MAY AND NOVEMBER in each year. The exchange can be made, as may be most convenient for the holders of the debt, at the office of the City Controller, City Hall, Memphis, Tenn., or at the banking-houses of P. M. MYERS & CO., No. 24 Pine-st., New-York, and MCKIM & CO., South Baltimore-street, Baltimore, Md.
JOHN JOHNSON, Mayor.

Referring to the above notice, we are now prepared to issue Gold Funding Bonds in exchange for any of the past due debt of the City of Memphis.
P. M. MYERS & CO., BANKERS, NO. 24 PINE-ST.

OFFICE OF THE IRVING FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 9 WALL-ST.

AT AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS, held on Monday, Dec. 5, 1870, the following-named gentlemen were duly elected for the ensuing year:

MASON THOMSON,	CHAS. BURKHALTER,
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON,	JOHN NASH,
	JOSEPH ROGERS,
BENJAMIN J. HART,	STEPHEN WRAY,
JOHN ROMER,	ISAAC ODELL,
SYLVANUS S. WARD,	BELA S. SQUIRE,
ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,	JOHN W. DEGRAUW,
	JOHN WADSWORTH,
JOHN B. HOBBY,	ROBERT A FORSYTH,
CHARLES STIRLING,	WINFIELD S. HANFORD,
JOHN CASTREE,	
WRIGHT GILLIES,	JOSEPH MEEKS,
DAVID B. MOSES,	WILLIAM FERDON,
MARTIN L. CROWELL.	

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, MARTIN L. CROWELL, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President.
JAMES M. WILSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 51 WALL-ST., CORNER WILLIAM, NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1870.

THE BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY will close on the 31st inst., preparatory to its annual statement. Persons holding policies on risks terminating during the year prior to the 1st of January next, are requested to furnish an account of the premiums thereon and a statement of all claims for return of premiums, to prevent discrepancy in the accounts.
J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank and for Inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-house, No. 124 Bowery, on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 P. M.
G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 9, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, corner of Broadway and Dey-st., on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January next, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
N. AMERMAN, Cashier.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 650 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 10th of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

NINTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-rooms, Nos. 407 and 409 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1871, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

GROCERS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, on the 10th day of January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.
SAMUEL B. WHITE, Cashier.

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA & WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY, NO. 26 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1870.

TRANSFER-BOOKS OF THE MORRIS and Essex Railroad Company will be closed from morning of Dec. 13 till morning of Jan. 3, 1871.
A. J. ODELL, Treasurer.

STUYVESANT BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR FIFTEEN Directors and three Inspectors of Election of this Bank will be held at their banking-house, No. 744 Broadway on TUESDAY, Jan. 3, 1871, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
JOHN VAN ORDEN, Cashier.

EAST RIVER NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK.—The annual election for fifteen Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house No. 682 Broadway, New-York, on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1871. Polls open from 2 till 3 o'clock P. M.
T. Z. K. NEWELL, Cashier.

FINANCIAL.

WINSLOW, LANIER & CO.
BANKERS, NO. 27 PINE-ST.,
OFFER FOR SALE THE
FIRST MORTGAGE 7 PER CENT.
GOLD BONDS
OF THE
Evansville, Terre Haute and Chicago Railroad Company.

This road, fifty-five miles long, extends from Terre Haute northerly to Danville, Illinois, forming part of the great through route from Chicago to Terre-Haute, Evansville, Nashville, and the South. Twenty-five miles of the iron are now laid, and by the early part of January thirty-one miles will be in use for business.

The local subscriptions to the capital stock of the Company are ... $450,000
All of which is payable in cash at par; of this
$300,000 HAS BEEN PAID IN.
First Mortgage Bonds ... $750,000

This road is being built by Chauncey Rose, Esq., of Terre Haute, and his associates, who are the chief subscribers to the capital stock. The extraordinary success of the enterprises heretofore managed by these gentlemen, and the high prices of the security based upon them, are evidences of what may be expected from this project. We recommend these bonds as an undoubted security.

Price, 90 cents and accrued interest, in currency.
Commissions allowed bankers.

WINSLOW, LANIER & CO.,
No. 27 Pine-Street.

THE NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY.
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.
NO. 336 BROADWAY.
CAPITAL - $1,000,000
DEPOSITS, OVER $5,000,000.

PAYS 4 PER CENT. INTEREST ON DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO CHECK AT SIGHT.
PAYS 5 PER CET. INTEREST ON SPECIAL DEPOSITS FOR SIX MONTHS OR LONGER.
THE COMPANY IS A LEGAL DEPOSITORY FOR MONEYS PAID INTO COURT, AND RECEIVES MONEYS IN TRUST.

DARIUS R. MANGAM, President.
B. L. SOLOMON, First Vice-President. BENJ. F. BANCROFT, Second Vice-President.
JAMES MERRELL, Secretary.

Tanner & Co.,
BANKERS,
NO. 49 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK,
DEALERS IN
Stocks, Bonds and Gold.

First-class Investment Securities on hand, among these the First Mortgage 8 per Cent. Gold Bonds of the ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY, issued upon a completed road at the rate of $13,500 per mile.

Loans negotiated. Advances made.

Interest allowed on Deposits either of Currency or Gold.

V. K. STEVENSON. V. K. STEVENSON, JR.
V. K. STEVENSON & SON,
No. 11 Pine-st., New-York,
OFFER FOR SALE THE
SOUTH AND NORTH ALABAMA RAILROAD
8 PER CENT. FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS,
INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL IN GOLD.
GUARANTEED BY STATE OF ALABAMA.

Length of road from Montgomery to Decatur, 183 miles; 107 completed; iron and ties for 15 additional now on the ground, which will complete 122 miles, leaving but 61 to complete, upon which a large amount of work has been done. Land grant over 200,000 acres; local business good, and through connections unsurpassed.

Passenger and freight cars are now running over this road from Montgomery to Lime Kilns, which completes the AIR LINE to New-York, and insures a business more than sufficient to meet the interest on all bonds issued.

The Bond is three times secured.
First—By the mortgage on the land.
Second—By the Guarantee of the State of Alabama.
Third—By the LARGE capital INVESTED in the road.

Either of which is sufficient to secure the bonds. Price 95 and accrued interest, in currency. For map, pamphlets, &c., apply to or address the agents.

JAMES G. KING'S SONS, BANKERS,
NO. 54 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK.
Issue letters of credit on London and Paris, available in all the principal cities on the Continent. Buy and sell exchange on London, Paris, Amsterdam, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
issue COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

PROPOSALS FOR $250,000 DOCK BONDS OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.—Sealed proposals will be received at the Controller's Office until WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28, 1870, at 2 o'clock P. M., when the same will be publicly opened, for the whole or any part of the sum of $250,000 of Dock Bonds of the City of New-York, authorized by chapter 383, laws of 1870, and by a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, passed Dec. 14, 1870. Said bonds will bear interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, payable on the 1st day of May and November in each year, and the principal will be redeemed on the 1st day of November, 1901.

The proposals will state the amount of bonds desired, and the price per one hundred dollars thereof; and the persons whose proposals are accepted will thereupon be required to deposit with the Chamberlain the sums awarded to them respectively, together with any premiums thereon.

On presenting to the Controller the receipts of the Chamberlain for such deposit, the parties will be entitled to receive certificates for equal amounts of the par value of the sums awarded to them, bearing interest from the dates of payment.

Each proposal should be sealed and indorsed "Proposals for Dock Bonds of the City of New-York," and inclosed in a second envelope addressed to the Controller.

The right is reserved on the part of the Controller to reject any or all of the bids, if in his judgment the interests of the Corporation require it.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Controller.
CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, Dec. 20, 1870.

OFFICE OF THE MARYLAND COAL COMPANY, NO. 12 TRINITY BUILDING, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1870.

AT AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS, held on the 13th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors of the MARYLAND COAL COMPANY for the ensuing year:

James Hoy, New-York.	Harry Conrad, New-York.
Chas. L. Anthony, New-York.	Chester W. Chapin, Springfield, Mass.
Sam'l F. Barger, New-York	Richard Sullivan, Boston.
Henry R. Kunhardt, New-York.	James H. Hoyt, Stamford, Conn.
Elliott F. Shepard, New-York.	David T. Hotchkiss, New-Haven, Conn.
Henry L. Dyer, New-York.	

And at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, HARRY CONRAD was elected President; HENRY R. KUNHARDT, Vice-President, and HARRY E. HOY, Secretary and Treasurer.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY, NO. 145 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1870.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on and after the 23d day of January, 1871, all transfers of stock of this Company will be made at the Union Trust Company in the City of New-York—that for the purpose of perfecting the change of the transfer-office to the Union Trust Company as required by resolution of the Board, the transfer-books will be closed at the close of business on the 31st day of December, instant, and remain closed until the morning of Jan. 23, 1871, then to be reopened at the office of said Union Trust Company.
O. H. PALMER, Secretary and Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN COAL COMPANY, ALLEGHANY COUNTY, MARYLAND, NO. 110 BROADWAY, ROOM NO. 5, NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1870.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at this office on THURSDAY, 29th December, inst. Polls will be open from 12 o'clock M. until 1 o'clock P. M. The transfer-books will be closed from the evening of Monday the 19th, until the morning of Friday, the 30th inst.
M. A. MYERS, Secretary.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1870.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Bank for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and Inspectors of the succeeding election, will be held at their banking-house on TUESDAY, the 10th of January, 1871, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. The transfer-books will be closed from Jan. 6 to 11, inclusive.
ANTHONY LANE, Cashier.

MONEY TO LOAN ON DESIRABLE IMproved and unimproved City, and Brooklyn improved real estate; mortgages promptly cashed; principals only dealt with.
WM. SINCLAIR, JR. & CO., No. 3 Pine-st.

FINANCIAL.

FOR SALE.
CHOICE
CITY AND COUNTY BONDS,
PAYING
10 PER CENT. & OVER,
FREE OF ALL TAXES.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST COUPONS PAYABLE IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.
FIRST-CLASS SECURITIES OF UNDOUBTED CHARACTER, BELOW PAR.
GOVERNMENT AND OTHER SECURITIES RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE AT THE BEST RATES, AND BONDS PURCHASED BY OUT-OF-TOWN RESIDENTS SENT BY EXPRESS FREE OF CHARGE.

TRUSTEES, EXECUTORS OF ESTATES, CAPITALISTS, AND OTHERS SEEKING RELIABLE INVESTMENTS ARE PURCHASING THESE LOANS.

ALSO, AN EXTENSIVE VARIETY OF OTHER SECURITIES FOR SAFE AND PROFITABLE INVESTMENTS AT LOW RATES. FOR SALE BY

ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
BANKER, STOCKBROKER AND AUCTIONEER,
NO. 43 PINE-ST.

N. B.—FIRST-CLASS INVESTMENT SECURITIES, PAYING LARGE RATES OF INTEREST, A SPECIALTY WITH THIS HOUSE FOR MANY YEARS.

EAST TENNESSEE,
VIRGINIA AND GEORGIA
RAILROAD
First Mortgage Seven Per Cent Bonds.
REDEEMABLE 1900.

Interest payable 1st of January and 1st of July, in the City of New-York.

The mortgage is for $3,500,000 on a road 270 miles long, which has been in successful operation for many years. The lien is about $13,000 per mile, which makes it, with few exceptions, the smallest issued on any road in the United States. It was created for the sole purpose of paying off the debt due the State of Tennessee, amounting to $4,117,761 10. An examination into this security will prove it to be one of the best ever offered in this market.

For terms and other particulars, apply to
GALLATIN NATIONAL BANK.
NO. 36 WALL-ST.,
Agents for the Sale of the Bonds.

BANK OF
BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.
Incorporated by Royal Charter.
AGENCY, NO. 17 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK.
COMMERCIAL CREDITS

issued for use in Europe, China, Japan, the East and West Indies, and South America.

Demand and time bills of exchange, payable in London and elsewhere, bought and sold at current rates; also, cable transfers.

Demand drafts on Scotland and Ireland, also on Canada, British Columbia and San Francisco. Bills collected, and other banking business transacted.

JOHN PATON, ARCH'D MCKINLAY, } Agents.

BANKING HOUSE OF
Geo. Opdyke & Co
25 NASSAU ST
CORNER OF CEDAR ST.

FOUR PER CENT. interest allowed on current accounts, subject to check at sight.
PRIME INVESTMENTS for trust and other funds always on hand.
INVESTMENT ORDERS promptly executed for Governments, Gold, Bonds and other Securities.
COLLECTIONS WANTED ON CHICAGO, KEOKUK, DES MOINES, IOWA CITY, ST. JOSEPH, and other points in the Western States.

MUNROE & CO.,
AMERICAN BANKERS,
NO. 7 RUE SCRIBE, PARIS.
JOHN MUNROE & CO.,
NO. 8 WALL-ST.,
New-York,
Issue Circular Letters of Credit for Travelers in all parts of Europe, &c. Exchange on Paris.

OFFICE METROPOLITAN GAS-LIGHT CO., BROADWAY, CORNER 42D-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1870.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Metropolitan Gas-light Company for election of Directors will be held on MONDAY, Jan. 9, 1871, at this office. Poll open from 12 M. to 2 P. M.
The transfer-book will be closed from the evening of Dec. 24, 1870, to the morning of Jan. 10, 1871.
WM. MEIKLEHAM, Secretary.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1870.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this institution for the ensuing year, and for three Inspectors for the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-house on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 11, 1871.
Polls will be open from 2 to 3 o'clock. By order,
GEO. W. YOULE, Cashier.

THE OCEAN NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank for the ensuing year will be held at their banking-rooms, corner of Broadway and Barclay-st., on TUESDAY, the 10th of January next. Polls open from 12 o'clock to 1 P. M.
J. S. HARTSHORNE, Cashier.

NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 9, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-house on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1871, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 9, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January next. The poll will open at 12 M. and close at 1 o'clock P. M.
WM. H. COX, Cashier.

AUCTION SALES.

OFFICE OF DEPOT QUARTERMASTER, SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 7, 1870.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT STEAMER NEWBERNE.

The United States steamer NEWBERNE, with all her gear, rigging, spars, sails, boats, cabin furniture, and other appointments, will be offered for sale at public auction at the office of the Depot Quartermaster in San Francisco, on MONDAY, the 16th day of January, 1871.

The NEWBERNE is a screw-propeller of 948 tons, O. M., of 250-horse power, 36-inch cylinder and 36-inch stroke, 200 feet in length, was built of white oak, in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1862, draws about 16 feet of water when loaded, and is thoroughly well found in every particular.

In April last she received a new boiler and donkey-pump with boiler attached, and was thoroughly overhauled.

Terms cash in gold coin of the United States; 20 per cent. to be paid on the day of sale, and the balance on the delivery of the vessel.

Further particulars may be obtained of the undersigned, or at the office of Capt. WM. B. HUGHES, A. Q. M., San Francisco. C. G. SAWTELLE,
Major and Quartermaster in charge of Depot.

LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & CO., Auctioneers.

ELEGANT BOOKS AT AUCTION—Clinton Hall Book Sale-rooms and Art Galleries, LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & CO., Auctioneers, THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, Dec. 22, 23 and 24, at 7 o'clock. Sale of a large collection of new and elegant books, in handsome bindings, suitable for HOLIDAY GIFTS; English and American editions; JUVENILE BOOKS, ALBUMS; also, a very choice lot of FANCY GOODS, &c., &c. Catalogues ready. Books on exhibition.

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BUSINESS CHANCE.—FOR SALE, A CONtrolling interest in a manufacturing business, situated in one of the most flourishing towns in Michigan, all in running order and doing a large business. The parties will sell cheap for cash, as they wish to enter into other business. For particulars address P. & B. C. W. W. Co., Portsmouth, Mich.

WE HAVE THE AGENCY OF THE best paying invention in the market, and invite inspection of the same at our offices. This we believe to be all that is necessary to convince capitalists of its utility and profitable nature.
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MARBLE AND MARBLEIZED MANTELS of the latest imported patterns. Monuments, at reduced prices. A. KLABER, Steam Marble Works, No. 134 East 18th-st., near 3d-av., N. Y.

MARBLEIZED SLATE MANTELS.—Rich and elegant designs, from $9, $12, $15 up to $250.
T. B. STEWART & CO.,
No. 605 6th-av., between 35th and 36th sts.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST OR MISLAID—THE FOLLOWING warehouse receipts of Bostwick & Tilford, on Weehawken Docks, viz.: Nos. 1,494, 1,497, 1,489, 1,480, 1,482, 1,505, calling for 500 barrels refined petroleum each, delivery of same having been stopped.
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DIVIDENDS.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE NO. 227 SOUTH 4TH-ST., PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30, 1870.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The transfer-books of this Company will be closed on WEDNESDAY, the 14th of December next, and reopened on TUESDAY, the 10th of January, 1871.

A Dividend of Five per Cent. has been declared on the Preferred and Common Stock, clear of State tax, payable in cash on the 27th of December next to the holders thereof, as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company at the close of business on the 14th of December. All payable at this office.

All orders for dividends must be witnessed and stamped. S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

OFFICE CHICAGO AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, No. 52 Wall-st., NEW-YORK, Nov. 28, 1870.

A DIVIDEND HAS BEEN DECLARED on the capital stock of this Company, Five (5) per Cent. on the common stock, and Five (5) per Cent. on the preferred stock, both free of Government tax, payable, on and after the 30th day of December next, to the stockholders, as shown by the books of the Company, on the 10th day of December next.

The transfer-books of the preferred and common stocks will be closed on SATURDAY, Dec. 10, 1870, at 3 P. M., and reopened on SATURDAY, Dec. 31, 1870, at 10 o'clock A. M.
A. L. PRITCHARD, Treasurer.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 2, 1870.

THE INTEREST MATURING JAN. 1, 1871, on the bonds of the State of South Carolina will be paid in gold, on demand, on and after Jan. 1, at the banking-house of H. H. KIMPTON, No. 9 Nassau-st., New-York, and at the Treasury Office in Columbia, S. C. The interest on the registered stock of the State will be paid in Columbia only.
NILES G. PARKER, Treasurer State South Carolina.
Coupons will be received for examination on and after the 27th inst. H. H. KIMPTON, Financial Agent State South Carolina.

OFFICE CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, NO. 54 WILLIAM-ST., New-York, Dec. 15, 1870.

THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST Mortgage Bonds of the Central Pacific Railroad Company, the Western Pacific Railroad Company, and the California and Oregon Railroad Company, due Jan. 1, 1871, will be paid, free of Government tax, at the office of FISK & HATCH, Bankers, No. 5 Nassau-st. Schedules of twenty or more coupons will be received for examination on and after the 28th inst.
C. P. HUNTINGTON, Vice-President Central Pacific Railroad Co.

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 13 William-st.

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE examination and payment of the interest on the bonds of this Company, due Jan. 1, 1871, holders are notified that by sending their coupons to the Treasurer's office, at any time prior to the 30th inst., they will be furnished with receipts for the same, and checks will be given for the amounts, less United States tax, on the afternoon of SATURDAY, the 31st inst., after 12 o'clock M.
F. H. TOWS, Treasurer.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, BOSTON, Dec. 16, 1870.

THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST Mortgage Bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, due Jan. 1, 1871, will be paid in gold, free of Government tax, on and after that date, at the office of the Company in Boston and at the banking-house of Morton, Bliss & Co., New-York. Schedules of coupons will be received for examination on and after the 28th inst.
JOHN M. S. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN MERCHANTS' UNION EXPRESS CO., NO. 113 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1870.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have declared a Dividend of Three Dollars per share, payable on and after the 16th day of January next.

The transfer-books will be closed at 3 o'clock P. M. on the 28th day of December, and reopened at 10 o'clock A. M. on the 17th day of January next.
JAMES C. FARGO, Assistant Treasurer.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE OF THE RONDOUT AND OSWEGO RAILROAD COMPANY, RONDOUT, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1870.

THE COUPONS DUE JAN. 1, 1871, on the First Mortgage Bonds of the Rondout and Oswego Railroad Company will be paid on presentation at the office of Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in the City of New-York, on and after the 2d day of January, 1871.
JOHN C. BRODHEAD, President.

OFFICE OF LAWRENCE BROS. & Co., NO. 16 WALL-ST.

THE INTEREST COUPONS MATURING on the 1st day of January next on the First Mortgage Bonds of the Cleveland, Mount Vernon and Delaware Railroad Company will be paid in gold at the Office of LAWRENCE BROS. & CO., Bankers, No. 16 Wall-st., on and after that date.
R. C. HURD, President.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1870.

BANK OF AMERICA, NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1870.

THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS of the Bank of America have this day declared a Dividend of Five per Cent. for the current six months, free from tax, payable to the stockholders on and after Friday, Dec. 30, 1870.

The transfer-books will remain closed from this date until the morning of Jan. 3, 1871.
ROBERT JAFFRAY, Cashier.

UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, NO. 73 BROADWAY, CORNER OF RECTOR-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1870.

THIS COMPANY HAS DECLARED A Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on the 31st inst.

The transfer-books will close on the 26th inst. and remain closed until the 3d of January next.
C. T. CARLTON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SPRING MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1870.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a dividend of SIX PER CENT., payable on and after Dec. 31, 1870.

The transfer-books will be closed from Dec 22 to 31st instant, both days inclusive.
CHARLES RUNYON, Secretary and Treasurer.

CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1870.

THIRTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.—THE Directors of this bank have this day declared a Dividend of Four (4) per Cent. from the earnings of the current six months, payable, free of tax, on the 30th instant.

The transfer-book will be closed Dec. 21, 1870, and reopened Jan. 3, 1871. C. F. TIMPSON, Cashier.

THE COUPONS OF THE NEW-YORK and Oswego Midland Railroad First Mortgage Seven per Cent. Gold Bonds, due Jan. 1, 1871, will be paid on and after that date on presentation at the banking-house of GEORGE OPDYKE & CO., No. 25 Nassau-st., New-York.

The transfer-books of the registered bonds will close on the 24th inst., and reopen on Jan. 3, 1871.
D. C. LITTLEJOHN, President.
OSWEGO, Dec. 16, 1870.

COUPONS OF THE EAST TENNESSEE, Virginia and Georgia Railroad Company, due 1st January, will be paid on and after that date as follows:

First mortgage seven per cent. coupons, paid at the Gallatin National Bank.

The six per cent. coupons, at the office of R. T. WILSON & CO., No. 44 Broad-st., New-York.
R. T. WILSON, President.

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILROAD CO., NO. 26 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1870.

THIS COMPANY HAS DECLARED a dividend of Six per Cent., payable on 31st December inst., in stock of Morris and Essex Railroad Company.

Transfer-books will be closed until morning of Jan. 3. A. J. ODELL, Treasurer.

THE IMPORTERS' & TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1870.

A DIVIDEND OF SIX PER CENT., out of the earnings of the past six months, free of all tax, has this day been declared by this bank, payable on the 31st inst.

The transfer-books will remain closed until the 3d proximo. E. H. PERKINS, JR., Cashier.

HANOVER NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1870.

DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of FOUR per Cent., payable on the 31st day of December instant.

The transfer-book will be closed from the 21st to the 31st instant. JNO. T. BANKER, Cashier.

CORN EXCHANGE BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1870.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of Five (5) per Cent., payable Dec. 30 inst.

The transfer-books will be closed on the 20th inst., and reopen on the 31st inst. By order.
W. A. FALLS, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1870.

THIRTIETH DIVIDEND.—THE DIrectors of this Bank have this day declared a dividend of Eight (8) per Cent. out of the earnings of the past six months, free of all tax, payable on and after the 30th inst. The transfer-books will remain closed until Jan. 3, 1871. GEO. M. HARD, Cashier.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1870.

A DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT., free of all tax, has been this day declared, payable 30th inst. The transfer-books will close 24th inst., P. M., and open Jan. 3, A. M.
ANTHONY LANE, Cashier.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1870.

FORTY-SECOND DIVIDEND.—A Semi-annual Dividend of Three Dollars per share on the capital stock of this bank, will be paid on, and after the 27th day of December, inst.
J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, NO. 142 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1870.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE Atlantic National Bank have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Four (4) per Cent., free of all tax, payable on Friday, the 30th instant. The transfer-books will be closed from Dec. 21 until Jan. 3, 1871. F. L. TAINTOR, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK, OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1870.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of Three per Cent., free of tax, payable on the 31st of December, 1870. The transfer-books will be closed from the 20th inst. to Jan. 3, 1871. A. S. APGAR, Cashier.

THE SOUTH AND NORTH ALABAMA RAILROAD COMPANY interest coupons, maturing Jan. 1, 1871, will be paid IN GOLD, at the Importers' and Traders' National Bank on and after that date. V. K. STEVENSON & SON, Financial Agents.

GROCERS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1870.

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have declared a Dividend of Five per Cent., payable to the stockholders on the 30th inst.
SAMUEL B. WHITE, Cashier.

THE NASHVILLE AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD COMPANY interest coupons, maturing Jan. 1, 1871, will be paid at the Importers' and Traders' National Bank on and after that date. V. K. STEVENSON & SON, Financial Agents.

BULL'S HEAD BANK.—FORTY-NINTH DIVIDEND—NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1870.—The usual Quarterly Dividend of Five per Cent., free of all taxes, was this day declared out of the net earnings of the last three months, payable on and after the 30th day of December, inst. G. W. WILLETT, Cashier.

DIVIDENDS.

HARTFORD AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD OFFICE, HARTFORD, Dec. 20, 1870.

NOTICE.

A Quarterly Dividend of $3 on each share of full stock, and $1 50 on each share scrip stock, standing on the books the 22d inst., has been declared by the Board of Directors of the Hartford and New-Haven Railroad Company, payable on Friday, the 30th day of December.

Stockholders in New-York will receive their dividend at the Union National Bank.

The transfer-books will be closed from the 24th to the 30th of December, both days inclusive.
S. P. CONNER, Secretary.

NORWICH AND WORCESTER RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S OFFICE, NORWICH, Conn., Dec. 20, 1870.

DIVIDEND—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of this Company have this day declared a Dividend of Five per Cent., payable on the 31st inst., at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company's office, No. 26 Exchange-place, New-York, to the stockholders whose names are on the stock ledger on the 22d inst.

Transfer-books will be closed from the 23d inst. to the 12th of January next.
G. S. PERKINS, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE MARYLAND COAL COMPANY, NO. 12 TRINITY BUILDING, NEW-YORK, Dec. 13, 1870.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have this day declared a Dividend of Three per Cent. on the capital stock, payable on and after Dec. 30, 1870.

The transfer-books will be closed from Dec. 23 to 30 inclusive.

By order of the Board.
HARRY E. HOY, Secretary.

NAUGATUCK RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S OFFICE, CORNER MAIN-ST. AND SOUTH-AV., BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 21, 1870.

DIVIDEND NO. 31.—A DIVIDEND OF Five (5) per Cent. has this day been declared on the capital stock of this Company, payable on the 31st instant.

The transfer-books are closed, and will remain closed until and including the 3d day of January, 1871.
R. NICHOLS, Treasurer.

MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1870.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Four per Cent., from the earnings of the current six months, payable on the 30th inst.

The transfer-books will remain closed until Jan. 3, 1871. J. D. VERMILYE, President.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK, GREENWICH-ST., CORNER WARREN, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1870.

A DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT., free of tax, has this day been declared, payable on the 31st inst.

The transfer-books will remain closed until Jan. 3, 1871. J. L. JEWETT, JR., Cashier.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1870.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of tax, payable on and after 30th December next. The transfer-books will be closed until 5th January, 1871. W. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1870.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent. from the earnings of the current six months, payable to stockholders on the 31st inst.

The transfer-books will remain closed from date to Jan. 3, 1870. A. GILBERT, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1870.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a Dividend of Five per Cent. from the earnings of the current six months, payable on the 30th inst.

The transfer-books will remain closed until the 3d proximo. G. G. BRINKERHOFF, Cashier.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1870.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a Dividend of Five per Cent., free of tax, payable to the stockholders on the 31st inst. The transfer-book will be closed from this date until Jan. 3, 1871. WM. H. COX, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, NO. 52 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1870.

THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST MORTgage 7 per cent. Gold Bonds of this Company, due Jan. 1, 1871, will be paid on and after that date at the National City Bank, New-York.
C. ENNIS, Controller.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, STATE OF ARKANSAS, LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 15, 1870.

THE COUPONS DUE JAN. 1, 1871, on the SIX per cent. Funded Debt Bonds, will be paid on and after that date upon presentation at the Union Trust Company in the City of New-York.
HENRY PAGE, State Treasurer.
D. B. SICKELS, Financial Agent.

WEST WISCONSIN RAILROAD COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1870.

THE COUPONS OF THE WEST Wisconsin Railroad Land Grand Bonds, payable in New-York, and due 1st January, 1871, will be paid on and after that date, on presentation at the banking office of White, Morris & Co., No. 29 Wall-st.
F. E. TROWBRIDGE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HAMILTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 11 Wall-st., NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1870.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared their regular Semi-annual Dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., free of tax, out of the earnings of the last six months payable on or after Dec. 31, 1870. JAMES GILMORE, Secretary.

JOS. U. ORVIS, President. BENJ. H. DEWEY, Cashier.
THE SECURITY BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NO. 329 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1870.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared the first Semi-annual Dividend of Four per Cent., payable Dec. 31.
BENJ. H. DEWEY, Cashier.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1870.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE Metropolitan National Bank have this day declared a Dividend of 5 (Five) per Cent., free of tax, payable 30th inst.

The transfer-books will be closed on 24th inst.
GEORGE I. SENEY, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1870.

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have THIS DAY declared a Dividend of SIX (6) PER CENT., payable on the 27th of December, 1870.

The transfer-books will remain closed until the 3d of January, 1871. J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

MANUFACTURERS' AND MERCHANTS' BANK, Nos. 561 AND 563 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1870.

THE DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a Dividend of Four per Cent., free of all taxes, payable Dec. 31—until when the transfer-books will be closed. THEO. D. WARREN, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE STUYVESANT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NOS. 122 BOWERY AND 200 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1870.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have declared a Dividend of Five per Cent., payable on and after the 27th inst.
WM. F. LEGGETT, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL CITIZENS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1870.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER CENT. has been declared, payable 31st inst. The transfer-books will remain closed until 3d day of January, 1871.
W. H. OAKLEY, Cashier.

BERDAN FIRE-ARMS MANUFACTURING COMPANY—DIVIDEND.—The Trustees of this Company have declared a Dividend of Four per Cent., payable Dec. 28, 1870, at the office of Messrs. Morton, Bliss & Co., No. 30 Broad-st.

Transfer-books closed from 20th to 28th December.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1870.
CHAS. E. MILNOR, Treasurer.

DIVIDEND.—PEOPLE'S BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.—A Dividend of Five (5) per Cent. has this day been declared, payable to the stockholders on the 30th inst. The transfer-books are closed from this date until Jan. 3, 1871. By order of the Board of Directors.
GEORGE M. ZABRISKIE, Cashier.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1870.

THE ORIENTAL BANK.—A DIVIdend of Six per Cent., from the earnings of the past six months, has this day been declared, payable on FRIDAY, Dec. 30, inst.

The transfer-books will remain closed until that date. HENRY T. CHAPMAN, JR., Cashier.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1870.

ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC RAILROAD.—The semi-annual coupons of these bonds will be paid on and after THURSDAY, Dec. 29, in gold, at the National Shoe and Leather Bank, in New-York, or at the Company's office in Boston.
WM. A. HAYES, Treasurer.

SOUTH PACIFIC RAILROAD OF MISSOURI.—The semi-annual coupons of these bonds will be paid on or after THURSDAY, Dec. 29, in gold, free of tax, at the National Shoe and Leather Bank, in New-York, or at the Company's office in Boston.
WM. A. HAYES, Treasurer.

TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 23, 1870.

A DIVIDEND OF SIX PER CENT., free of tax, has been declared payable Dec. 31.
ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

EAST RIVER NATIONAL BANK DIVIDEND.—A Dividend of Four (4) per Cent., free from all taxes, has been declared from the profits of the last six months, payable Jan. 3, 1871.
Z. E. NEWELL, Cashier.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE IN NEW-YORK.—DIVIDEND.—A semi-annual dividend of Four (4) per Cent. on the capital stock of this Bank has been declared, payable on Dec. 30.
H. F. VAIL, Cashier.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A COMPEtent German girl for general house-work, or as cook, washer and ironer; is willing and obliging; best of City references. Call at No. 303 Bowery, entrance on 1st-st.

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Anglia	Sat., Jan. 7	Britannia	Wed., Jan. 11
Australia	Sat., Jan. 14	Iowa	Wed., Jan. 25
India	Sat., Jan. 21	Tyrian	Wed., Feb. 8
Columbia	Sat., Jan. 28	Britannia	Wed., Feb. 22

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CITY OF BROOKLYN...Saturday, Dec. 31, 1 P. M.
CITY OF BRUSSELS.........Saturday, Jan. 7, 7 A. M.
And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

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Samaria, Thursday, Jan. 5 | Aleppo, Thursday, Jan. 26
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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

GRACE CHAPEL.—FREE SEATS, EAST 14th-st., Rev. JOHN W. KRAMER, Clergyman in charge.—Services on CHRISTMAS DAY at 9½ and 11 A. M., and 7½ P. M. Subject of the evening sermon—*Why Jesus Christ Came at the Time He Did.* Strangers cordially invited. Sunday-school Festival on Holy Innocents' Day, WEDNESDAY, at 3 P. M.

REV. C. S. ROBINSON, D. D., (PAStor elect,) will preach in the Eleventh Presbyterian Church, 55th-st., near Lexington-av., every SABBATH MORNING and EVENING.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL, AT THE Howard Mission and Home for Little Wanderers, No. 40 New-Bowery.—On SUNDAY, from 2 to 4 o'clock, the exercises in the Chapel will consist of addresses and singing, &c. On MONDAY, from 10 to 1 o'clock, they will consist of eating, talking and singing, distribution of prizes and presents to about 700 children, who are promised a call from Santa Claus and family about 12 o'clock.
During Christmas week the school will be closed daily at 1 o'clock.

EVENING SERVICE IN ASSOCIATION HALL.—Rev. CYRUS D. FOSS, D. D., will deliver an address to young men, on SUNDAY, at 7½ o'clock, in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, corner 23d st. and 4th-av. Bible class every Sunday afternoon, at 5 o'clock. All are invited to these meetings.

TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, West 34th-st., near 8th-av.—The Pastor, Rev. Dr. FOSS, will preach a Christmas sermon on SUNDAY MORNING, the 25th inst., at 10½ o'clock. Preaching in the EVENING at 7½ o'clock by Rev. Dr. FERRIS, on the subject of *City Missions.* N. B.—No collection.

ALLEN-STREET M. E. CHURCH, between Rivington and Delancey sts.—Rev. WILLIAM MCALLISTER, Pastor, will preach at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Sunday-school at 9 A. M. and 1½ P. M. Prayer-meeting at 3 P. M. Young people's prayer-meeting at 6 o'clock. Seats free. All are cordially invited.

SEVENTEENTH-STREET M. E. CHURCH, between 1st and 2d avs.—Rev. J. S. WILLIS, Pastor, will preach SUNDAY MORNING and EVENING. Subject—Morning: Christmas sermon; evening: *Time to Die.* Seats free. General prayer-meeting at 3½ P. M. Evening service commences at 7 o'clock.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, 21st-st., between 5th and 6th avs., Rev. G. F. KROTEL, D. D., Pastor.—Services appropriate to the season, SUNDAY, 25th inst., at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Strangers invited and furnished with seats.

TWENTY-SEVENTH-STREET M. E. CHURCH, between 2d and 3d avs.—Rev. J. E. SEARLES, Pastor, will preach a Christmas sermon, SUNDAY EVENING, at 7 o'clock. Seats free.
P. S.—Watch meeting, SATURDAY NIGHT, to commence at 9 o'clock. Doors closed at 11.

REV. ISAAC WESCOTT WILL preach in Plymouth Baptist Church, 51st-st., between 9th and 10th avs., SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M., on *Christmas;* and at 7½ P. M., subject—*How Shall Protestants Sustain Religious Liberty in this Country?* Sunday-school at 9 and 2 o'clock.

JOHN-STREET M. E. CHURCH, BEtween Nassau and William sts.—Pastor Rev. L. S. WEED will preach a Christmas sermon at 10½ A. M.; in the EVENING, at 7½ P. M. Subject the ninth chapter of Romans. Seats free. Strangers cordially invited.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, West 23d-st., between 5th and 6th avs.—Preaching by the Pastor, Rev. R. S. MCARTHUR, SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Services appropriate to the day. The ordinance of baptism will be administered in the evening.

FIVE POINTS MISSION, SITE OF THE Old Brewery, No. 61 Park-st., the original mission at the Points, Rev. J. N. SHAFFER, Superintendent.—Services at 10½ A. M., and preaching at 7½ P. M. Sabbath-school at 9½ A. M., and from 2 to 4 P. M. Friends of the cause are invited.

SECOND ADVENT CHURCH, COOPER Institute, Room No. 24.—Preaching SUNDAY by Elder S. W. BISHOP at 10½ A. M. and 3 P. M., on subjects connected with the coming of Christ and a future life. All are cordially invited to hear. Seats free.

THE CITY ON FIRE!—BISHOP SNOW will preach in the University, Washington-square, on SUNDAY, at 3 P. M. Seats free. Subject—*The Great Conflagration, or the Burning of the Mystical Babylon.* Come and hear.

ST. ANN'S FREE CHURCH, 18TH-ST., near 5th-av.—On SUNDAY Rev. S. F. HOLMES will preach at 7½ A. M., Rev. Dr. GALLAUDET at 10½ A. M. and 2½ P. M. for deaf mutes, and Rev. C. B. SMITH at 7½ P. M.; catechetical instruction at 4 P. M.

"ADORNMENTS OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN."—Sermon by Rev. JOHN Q. ADAMS, in the Church corner Madison and Gouverneur sts., at 3 P. M. Seats free. He will also preach at 10½ A. M.

ASSOCIATION HALL.—REV. H. D. GANSE, Pastor of North-west Reformed Church, now worshiping in this hall, preaches every SUNDAY MORNING at 10½ o'clock, and AFTERNOON at 3½.

WEST FIFTY-THIRD-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, 6th and 7th avs.—Preaching SUNDAY by the Pastor, Rev. W. H. PENDLETON, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Baptism at the EVENING service. Sunday-school at 2 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PARK-av., between 30th and 31th sts.—Services—Sunday-school at 9 A. M.; preaching by Pastor, T. D. ANDERSON, D. D., at 10½ o'clock A. M. and 3½ P. M.; prayer and conference meeting at 8 P. M.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH, REV. DR. MORGAN, Rector.—Services on CHRISTMAS DAY. Sunrise service, morning prayer and Litany, 7½. Communion service, with sermon at 11. Sunday-school festival service at 4 P. M.

REV. WILLIAM H. BOOLE WILL preach in the Beekman Hill M. E. Church, East 50th-st., between 1st and 2d avs., on SUNDAY MORNING, at 10½ o'clock, and in the EVENING at 7 o'clock. Sunday-school at 2 P. M. All are invited.

FREE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE, 74th-st., east of 4th-av., Rev. J. TUTTLE SMITH, Rector.—CHRISTMAS services at 10½ A. M. and 3½ P. M. Sunday-school Festival, THURSDAY, Dec. 29, at 2 o'clock P. M.

REV. DR. PRICE WILL PREACH ON CHRISTMAS DAY, at the Home Chapel, No. 29 East 29th-st., between Madison and 4th avs. Services at 10½ A. M. The children will sing. All invited. Seats free.

HUTCHINSON FAMILY WILL GIVE a musical entertainment in Berean Baptist Church, corner Bedford and Downing sts., THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 29. A full quartette, including Mrs. Hutchinson. Tickets, 50 cents.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, Bleecker, corner Morton st.—The Pastor, Rev. JOHN LOVE, Jr., will preach SUNDAY, Dec. 25, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Baptism at the close of the EVENING service. Seats free.

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH, CORner Bedford and Downing sts.—Anniversary of the Sunday-school Missionary Association at 7½ P. M. Addresses by Rev. GEO. J. MINGINS, G. W. HILLMAN, and by the Pastor, Rev. P. L. DAVIES.

OLD TIMES REVIVED.—A SPINNING-wheel in full operation at the Christmas anniversary of the Sunday-school of the Eighteenth-street M. E. Church, (near 8th-av.,) MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 26, 1870. Exercises commence at 7½ P. M.

ST. JOHN'S M. E. CHURCH, 53D-ST., between Broadway and 8th-av.—Preaching, SUNDAY, Dec. 25, at 10½ A. M., by Rev. J. GLENTWORTH BUTLER, D. D. EVENING at 7½, by Pastor. Young people's prayer-meeting at 6½ P. M. Seats free.

MRS. CORA L. V. TAPPAN WILL give her closing discourses before the Society of Progressive Spiritualists, at Apollo Hall, Broadway and 28th-st., SUNDAY, at 10½ and 7½ o'clock. No reserved seats.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE— Church of the Ascension, corner of 5th-av. and West 10th-st.—Divine service at 7½ o'clock. Strangers are cordially invited; seats free.

A MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. JOHNLAND will be held at No. 31 Madison-avenue, on TUESDAY EVENING next, at 7½ o'clock. WM. ALEXANDER SMITH, Secretary.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. Luke's M. E. Church, 41st-st., near 6th-av., at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Trustees in attendance to seat strangers.

MADISON-AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, corner 31st-st.—Rev. J. F. ELDER, Pastor, will preach on SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Sunday-school at 9 A. M.

REV. STEPHEN H. TYNG, JR., WILL deliver the eighth sermon to young people, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Madison-av. and 42d-st., on SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock.

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION, Madison-av. and 35th-st.—Rev. Dr. WYATT will preach in this Church, on SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock.

MURRAY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 40th-st., near Lexington-av.—Services on SABBATH at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M.; preaching by the Pastor, Rev. GEORGE S. CHAMBERS.

REV. W. W. PAGE WILL PREACH IN the New-York Presbyterian Church, corner Houston and Thompson sts., at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Strangers made welcome.

DIVINE SERVICE AT ST. AMBROSE, corner of Prince and Thompson sts., SUNDAY EVENING. Offertory in aid of the Church.

FRENCH CHURCH DU ST. ESPRIT, West 22d-st.; divine service in French every SUNDAY MORNING, commencing at 10½ o'clock.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY LIGHT, 7th-av., near 34th-st.—Divine service at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Rev. Dr. MCVICKAR will preach.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.—B. W. WILLIAMS, sexton and undertaker, No. 276 5th-av.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

REV. MERRILL RICHARDSON, Pastor of the New-England Congregational Church, corner of Madison-av. and 47th-st., will preach a Christmas sermon SUNDAY MORNING, at 10½ o'clock. Rev. J. P. THOMPSON, D. D., will preach in the EVENING at 7½. Strangers and all invited.

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MORAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.—A public meeting of the above Society will be held in Plymouth Church, (Rev. H. W. Beecher's,) on TUESDAY next, Dec. 27, at 7½ P. M. Rev. H. W. BEECHER will preside. Addresses will be delivered by Drs. BUDDINGTON, PENTECOST, J. T. DURYEA, R. S. FOSTER, President of Drew Seminary, and others. R. G. CATHER, Secretary of the Society, pro tem.

THE CHILDREN'S FOLD CORDIALLY invites its friends to visit the institution, No. 1,119 2d-av., second door below 59th-st., on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28, at 2½ o'clock P. M., being its fourth annual reception. The orphans' happiness will be increased by Christmas gifts. Rev. EDWARD COWLEY is President, and Mr. WM. H. NEWMAN, Treasurer, No. 119 Pearl-st. Mrs. D. HUNTINGTON, No. 49 East 20th-st., will forward donations from up-town friends.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, 5TH-av. and 10th-st.—The last of the free services that have been held for the last year and a half upon Sunday evenings in this church will be held upon SUNDAY EVENING, (Christmas Day,) beginning at 7½ o'clock. A collection will be taken up in aid of the building fund of Emmanuel Church, on 57th-st. Rev. GEORGE E. THRALL and Rev. MASON GALLAGHER.

GREENE-STREET M. E. CHURCH, between Broome and Spring sts.—Rev. A. K. SANFORD, Pastor, will preach a Christmas sermon on SUNDAY, at 10½ o'clock A. M. A prayer and praise meeting will be held at 7 o'clock P. M. The annual meeting of the Sunday-school, for the distribution of rewards, will take place on MONDAY EVENING. Seats free.

FIVE POINTS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY, No. 155 Worth-st., W. F. BARNARD, Superintendent.—Services are held every SUNDAY, in the new chapel at 3 o'clock P. M. Christmas festival will be held on MONDAY, 26th inst. Services commence at 12½ o'clock; dinner at 2 o'clock; distribution of presents from the tree at 3 o'clock. All cordially invited to visit us.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY of the YOUTH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY of Allen-street Presbyterian Church, will be held in the church, (Allen-st., near Grand,) on SABBATH EVENING, Dec. 25, 7½ o'clock. Interesting reports, addresses by Rev. Dr. HASTINGS and the Pastor, W. W. NEWELL, D. D., and singing by the children. All are cordially invited.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.—CHURCH OF St. John Baptist, (Episcopal,) Lexington-av., corner 35th-st. SUNDAY MORNING, with Communion at 10½ o'clock; EVENING, at 7½. Rev. D. DUFFIE, Rector, will preach. Strangers are cordially invited; as also to the Christmas Tree for the Sunday-school on WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 28, at 7 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS SERMON AT THE Grand-st. Methodist Church, Williamsburg, near 5th-st., by T. T. KENDRICK, the Pastor, SABBATH MORNING, at 10½ o'clock; also the young people's review of Seventy, by the same, at 7½ P. M. Seats free. Sabbath-school anniversary MONDAY EVENING, 26th.

ST. PAUL'S REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH, Reservoir-square, 40th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., Rev. ALEXANDER R. THOMPSON, D. D., Minister.—Services every SUNDAY, at 10½ o'clock A. M. and 7½ o'clock P. M. A cordial invitation is extended to any one who may not be settled in any other church home, to unite with us in these services.

SEVENTH-STREET M. E. CHURCH, 7th-st., near 3d-av.—Preaching on SABBATH MORNING at 10½ o'clock, and in the EVENING at 7 o'clock, by the Pastor, Rev. C. BACKMANN. Subject in the morning—*Nativity of Christ.* Prayer-meeting, 6 P. M. Sabbath-school at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M.

LEXINGTON-AVENUE M. E. CHURCH, corner of 52d-st.—The Pastor, R. M. STRATTON, will preach SABBATH MORNING at 10½. Subject—*Christ Leading the World;* and at 7½ P. M. will continue his course of sermons on the "Future Life." Subject—*Hell.* Seats Free. Christmas Sabbath-school festival MONDAY EVENING.

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 34th-st., west of Broadway and 6th-av., Rev. JOHN THOMSON, D. D., Pastor.—Divine service in this church during the Winter months will commence at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M.

FREE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS, No. 210 West 42d-st.—Services on CHRISTMAS DAY, 10½ A. M. Sermon by the Rector, Rev. Dr. CORNWALL; and 7½ P. M. sermon by Rev. N. ELLSWORTH CORNWALL.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.—REV. DRS. KENDRICK, BALL and CAMERON will address the children of the Morning Star Sunday-school THIS (Saturday) EVENING, Dec. 24, at 130 West 24th-st.

REV. MERRILL RICHARDSON WILL preach at the Broadway Tabernacle Church on SABBATH EVENING, Dec. 25, at 7½. Seats always free at the evening service.

CHURCH OF THE HEAVENLY REST (now extended to 5th-av.)—Divine service at 11 A. M. and 3½ P. M.

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No. 644 BROADWAY, CORNER BLEECKER-ST., Dec. 14, 1870.
The trustees of this institution have declared the Fortieth Semi-annual Dividend, on all deposits by the rules entitled thereto, at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum, payable on and after the third Monday in January. Also an extra dividend of One-half of One per Cent. of the accumulated surplus, payable at the same time.
Dividends not withdrawn will receive interest the same as a deposit. E. J. BROWN, President.
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NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1870.
INTEREST AT THE RATE OF SEVEN (7) PER CENT. PER ANNUM will be paid on all sums which have remained on deposit for three or six months previous to the 1st day of January, 1871. Interest not called for will be credited as an original deposit.
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CHARLES A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

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UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK, Canal-st., corner of Laight.
The Board of Trustees have THIS DAY declared the usual half yearly dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT.; also an extra dividend of ONE PER CENT. (being FOUR PER CENT. for the current six months,) to all depositors entitled thereto; payable on or after Jan. 21.
If the Interest is not withdrawn it will be credited the account, and bear interest from Jan. 1, as an original deposit.
ASSETS, $8,012,460 76.
Money deposited now will bear interest from Jan. 1.
JOHN McLEAN, President.
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NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1870.

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JOHN J. ZUILLE, Cashier.

1871—JANUARY INTEREST.
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No. 58 Bowery, south-west corner of Canal-st.
The semi-annual interest at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum on all sums of $5 and upward, which have been on deposit for one or more months next previous to Jan. 1, will be credited and paid on and after SATURDAY, Jan. 21.
All interest not called for will remain as principal, and draw interest accordingly, and will be entered on the depositors' books any time when presented after the 21st of January.
The bank is open every day for the reception and payment of money, from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on MONDAYS and SATURDAYS from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M.
Deposits made on or before Jan. 20 will draw interest from the 1st of January.
Bank books in German, French and English.
E. A. QUINTARD, President.
SEYMOUR A. BUNCE, Secretary.

Broadway Savings Institution,

NO. 237 BROADWAY, entrance on Park-place.
Interest on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending Dec. 31, at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum on all sums of $5 and upward, will be paid on and after MONDAY, Jan. 16, 1871.
FRANCIS P. SCHOALS, President.
WADE B. WORRALL, Sec. PETER CUMMING, Acct.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK.
Corner 3d-av. and 26th-st.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1870.
INTEREST.—Semi-annual interest at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum, on all sums from $1 to $5,000, will be paid on and after the THIRD MONDAY in January.
Interest will be added to accounts Jan. 1, and if not drawn bear interest as new deposits. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS from 6 to 8 o'clock. SPENCER K. GREEN, President.
WM. B. BIBBINS, Secretary.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
No. 283 BOWERY, NEAR HOUSTON-ST.
SIX PER CENT. interest allowed on all sums from $5 to $10,000. Deposits made now draw interest from Jan. 1. GERMAN SPOKEN. Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 to 7.
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Deposits of any sum, from 10 cents to $10,000, will be received. SIX PER CENT. interest free of Government tax. Interest on new deposits commences on the first of every month.
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REEVES E. SELMES, Secretary.
WALTER ROCHE, EDWARD HOGAN, } Vice-Presidents.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,
Corner of 3d-av. and 26th-st.
Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 8 o'clock. Six per cent. interest paid on all sums from $1 to $5,000.

GREENWICH SAVINGS BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1870. }
INTEREST WILL BE PAID TO DEpositors at the rate of seven per cent. per annum on all sums of $5 to $500, and six per cent. on sums exceeding $500, agreeably with the provisions of the by-laws, free from Government tax, and payable on and after Monday, 16th day of January, 1871.
All interest not called for will be credited as principal, and draw interest accordingly. All deposits made on or before January 10, 1871, will draw interest from the first. BENJAMIN F. WHEELWRIGHT, President.
JAMES BRYCE, J. HARSEN RHOADES, } Secretaries.

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In rehearsal, a powerful new drama by Mr. DION BOUCICAULT.

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MISS KATE FIELD WILL DELIVER HER NEW LECTURE ON CHARLES DICKENS ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT, SUNDAY NEXT, DEC. 25, AT 8 O'CLOCK.
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From 4 to 5 P. M. Doors open at 3½.
Mr. C. B. SCHUYLER, organist, and Miss FERNANDA TEDESKA, violinist, will perform TODAY.
Admission, 15 cents; ten tickets, $1.

NEW-YORK HARMONIC SOCIETY.
THE MESSIAH.
STEINWAY HALL, MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 26.
MARIA BRAINERD.........Soprano
C. V. HUTCHINGS.........Alto
GEO. SIMPSON.........Tenor
JOSEPH JEWETT.........Base
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POST-OFFICE AND UNITED STATES COURT-HOUSE, NEW-YORK CITY, OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, Dec. 15, 1870. }
Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent until 12 M., Jan. 16, 1871, for furnishing, delivering, fitting, and putting in place the cast and wrought-iron work exhibited in plans, specifications and schedules now in this office, consisting of cast-iron columns, bed-plates, &c., and wrought-iron beams, girders, &c.
The work of the columns, iron beams and girders must be furnished, delivered, fitted, and put in place complete, within four months after date of written notice to commence the work, and the remainder as rapidly as required by the progress of the work, and as demanded by the Superintendent.
The contractors will be permitted the use of the derricks and engines in putting the work in place, without charge, but will be required to pay the time of the men employed in working them, who will be furnished by the Department when required.
Scaffolding to be furnished by the contractors.
Proposals will be made by the piece or by weight for the various castings and beams as provided for in the schedules.
The work will not be subdivided among different bidders, but will be considered in the aggregate.
Payments will be made monthly, deducting ten per cent. until the final completion of the contract.
All bids must be accompanied by a penal bond in the sum of $25,000, that the bidder will accept and perform the contract if awarded him, the sufficiency of the security to be certified by the United States Judge, Clerk of the United States Court, or District-Attorney of the district where he resides.
The Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if it be deemed for the interest of the Government to do so; and any bid that is not made on the printed form to be obtained in this office, and does not conform in every respect to the requirements of this advertisement, will not be considered; neither will any proposals be received from parties who are not themselves engaged in the manufacture of cast or wrought iron work, and who have not the necessary facilities for getting out the castings or rolled beams.
Proposals will be indorsed "Bids for Iron Work," and addressed to CALVIN T. HULBURD, Superintendent.

PROPOSALS
FOR THE ERECTION OF TEMPORARY ADOBE BUILDINGS, AT FORT QUITMAN, TEXAS.
HEAD-QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Nov. 7, 1870. }
SEALED PROPOSALS,
In triplicate, of the form furnished by the undersigned, will be received at this office, until 12 M. on THURSDAY, the 23d day of February, 1871, for the erection of the following temporary buildings at Fort Quitman, Texas, viz.:
One (1) set Major's Quarters.
Four (4) sets Captain's Quarters.
Eight (8) sets Lieutenant's Quarters.
Four (4) sets Barracks.
One (1) Adjutant's Office.
One (1) set Quartermaster's Stables.
One (1) Quartermaster's Storehouse, with office.
One (1) Commissary Storehouse, with office.
One (1) Guard-house.
Two (2) sets Cavalry Stables.
Plans and specifications can be examined at the United States Quartermaster's Office at Washington, D. C.; New-Orleans, La.; Fort Quitman, Texas; and at the office of the Depot Quartermaster, San Antonio, Texas.
Details and requirements furnished by the undersigned, (a copy of the latter with this advertisement,) to be furnished to each proposal offered.
JAMES A. EKIN, Chief Quartermaster, Department of Texas.

OFFICE OF THE A. C. S., WILLET'S POINT, N. Y. H., Dec. 22, 1870. }
SEALED PROPOSALS IN DUPLICATE will be received at this office until 11 A. M., Jan. 22, 1871, for furnishing the Fresh Beef required by the Subsistence Department, U. S. A., at this station, during six months commencing Feb. 2, 1871. Information as to conditions, quality of beef, payments, &c., can be obtained by application to CHARLES F. POWELL, Second Lieutenant Corps of Engineers, and A. C. S.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of SIMEON TALBOT and THEODORE R. JONES, bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—Southern District of New-York, ss.—At the City of New-York, the 17th day of December, 1870.—The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate and effects of Simeon Talbot and Theodore R. Jones, of the City of New-York, in said district, who were, on the 20th day of October, A. D. 1870, adjudged bankrupts upon the petition of their creditors, by the District Court of the United States for the said Southern District of New-York. ISAAC N. THATCHER, Assignee in Bankruptcy, No. 229 Water-st., New-York City. d24-law3wSa*

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of JOHN UNDERHILL, Bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—Before John Fitch, Register.—To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of John Underhill, of New-York City, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, within said district, who has been adjudged bankrupt upon creditors' petition by the District Court of said district.—Dated at New-York City, the 14th day of December, A. D. 1870. LEWIS H. CLUSSMAN, Assignee. d17-law3wSa*

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MONDAY (CHRISTMAS) NIGHT—Last time this season—COQUETTES.
TUESDAY, Dec. 27—First time this season—THE HEIR AT LAW.
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28—THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.
THURSDAY, Dec. 29—Last time this season—THE ROAD TO RUIN.
FRIDAY, Dec. 30—Last time this season—THE HEIR AT LAW.
SATURDAY MATINEE, Dec. 31—Last time this season—THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.
SATURDAY NIGHT, Dec. 31—Last time this season—THE SERIOUS FAMILY.
The above arrangement must be strictly adhered to in consequence of the approaching production of a series of NEW PLAYS, commencing with Mr. Robertson's WAR.

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THE QUEEN OF COMIC OPERA, MLLE. AIMEE, MLLE. AIMEE, WILL APPEAR IN HER FAVORITE ROLE OF BOULOTTE. BOULOTTE.
SECURE YOUR SEATS.
Extra CHRISTMAS MATINEE, MONDAY, Dec. 26.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.
TENTH WEEK OF MISS LYDIA THOMPSON.
RECONSTRUCTION OF PARIS.
LAST MATINEE BUT ONE OF PARIS.
TODAY AT 2 P. M., PARIS.
THIS EVENING, AT 8 P. M., PARIS.
MONDAY, DEC. 26, THREE PERFORMANCES.
Morning........at 11 A. M.
Afternoon, Paris. } By the Lydia { at 2 P. M.
Evening, Paris. } Thompson Troupe. { at 8 P. M.

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MATINEES EVERY DAY AT 2½.
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FAIRY CHARIOT DRAWN BY A TEAM OF TINY PONIES.
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In addition to the spectacle there will be presented at EACH AND EVERY ENTERTAINMENT EXHIBITIONS OF UNSURPASSED DARING BAREBACK HORSEMANSHIP, ATHLETIC, GYMNASTIC AND ACROBATIC FEATS OF SKILL AND WONDER by the LEADING ARTISTS OF THE ARENA.

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EVERYBODY SHOULD ATTEND.

SIXTH POPULAR CONCERT
AT ASSOCIATION HALL, SATURDAY, Dec. 24, At 3 o'clock P. M.
Admission 25 cents.
Tickets at music-stores and at the hall. Reserved seats 25 cents extra.

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A. T. STEWART & CO. HAVE ON HAND
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THESE WERE MANUFACTURED IN PARIS BY THE CELEBRATED HOUSE OF WORTH.
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HAVE JUST RECEIVED
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2 DO. EXTRA QUALITY BLACK.
1 DO. VERY FINE QUALITY DRAP DE FRANCE.
THE ABOVE WILL BE OPENED ON MONDAY, DEC. 26, IN THE DRESS GOODS, ON THE BROADWAY SIDE.
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FOR CHILDREN, AT CANTRELL'S, No. 241 4th-av.

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SURROGATE NOTICES.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against THOMAS J. BLANCK, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the store and place of business of William F. Blanck, No. 318 Hudson-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 30th day of January next.—Dated New-York, the 20th day of July, 1870.
JOHN W. BLANCK, WILLIAM F. BLANCK, and AARON P. BLANCK, Executors of said deceased.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF the Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against HIRAM HUTCHINSON, late of the City of New York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at the office of Sanford & Woodruff, No. 102 Broadway, in the City of New York, on or before the 1st day of March next.—Dated New York, the 12th day of August, 1870.
MARY ANN HUTCHINSON, Executrix.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF Robert C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against MARIA J. OOTHOUT, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his office, No. 3 Cliff-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 20th day of May next.—Dated New-York, the 11th day of November, 1870.
H. OOTHOUT, Executor.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF Robert C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against MAX MARX, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their office, No. 116 Church-street, in the City of New-York, on or before the 1st day of June next.—Dated New-York, the 17th day of November, 1870.
WILLIAM MARX, JONAS SONNEBORN.
n19-law6mSa*

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF Robert C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against WILLIAM V. BRADY, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at the office of Man & Parsons, No. 56 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 24th day of June next. Dated New-York, the 24th day of November, 1870. CORNELIA BRADY, Executrix.
ISAAC L. KIP, HENRY A. HURLBUT, } Executors.
n26-law6mS

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF Robert C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JAMES MONCRIEF, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of transacting business, No. 21 Front-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 28th day of June, 1871.—Dated New-York, the 9th day of December, 1870.
THEODORE ROSS, Executor.
d10-law6mS*

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF Robt. C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against LUKE HEMENWAY, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the office of CHAS. LANIER, No. 27 Pine-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 20th day of June next. Dated, New-York, the 15th day of December, 1870.
MARY C. HEMENWAY, CHARLES LANIER, Administratrix and Administrator of Luke Hemenway, deceased. d17-law6mSa*

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF Robert C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against CHARLES H. VALENTINE, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at the residence of Isaac Hendrix, No. 210 West 24th-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 1st day of July next.—Dated New-York, the 22d day of December, 1870.
ISAAC HENDRIX, Executor.
JULIA F. VALENTINE, Executrix.
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AMUSEMENTS.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
LAST WEEK BUT TWO.
128TH TO 134TH TIME.
MR. JOSEPH JEFFERSON as RIP VAN WINKLE.
LAST RIP VAN WINKLE MATINEE but TWO. On SATURDAY, at 1½ O'CLOCK.
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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.
SPECIAL MATINEE OF RIP VAN WINKLE, On MONDAY, Dec. 26, at 1½ o'clock.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
TWO PERFORMANCES TODAY.
MATINEE AT 1½—EVENING AT 8, OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SPECTACULAR PLAY OF THE AGE, THE BLACK CROOK.
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For Otisville and Way at *7:30 A. M. (23d-st., 7:15 A. M.)
For Newburg and Way at 9 A. M., 3:30 and 4:30 P. M. (23d-st., 8:45 A. M., 3:15 and 4:15 P. M.)
For Suffern and Way, 5 and 6 P. M. (23d-st., 4:45 and 5:45 P. M.) Theatre Train, *11:30 P. M. (23d-st., *11:45 P. M.)
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For Hackensack and Hillsdale, from Twenty-third-street Depot, at 8:45 A. M., and 12:45, 3:45, ‡5:15, 5:45 and ‡6:45 P. M. From Chambers-street Depot, 9 A. M. and 1, 4, ‡5:15, 6 and ‡6:45 P. M.
For Piermont, Nyack, Monsey, and Way, from Twenty-third-street Depot at 9:15 A. M.; †12:45, 3:15, 4:15, 4:45 and †6:15 P. M., and Saturdays only †11:45 P. M. From Chambers-street Depot, at 9:30 A. M.; †1:00, 3:30, 4:15, 4:30, 5:00, and †6:30 P. M., and Saturday only †12 midnight.
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L. D. RUCKER, General Superintend't. | WM. R. BARR, Gen'l. Pass'r. Ag't.
Dec. 5, 1870.
* Daily. ‡ For Hackensack only. † For Piermont and Nyack only.

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8:00 A. M., Chicago express, drawing-room cars attached.
10:00 A. M., Special drawing-room car express for Chicago. No accommodation for way passengers except in drawing-room cars.
10:40 A. M., Northern and Western express, drawing-room cars attached.
4:00 P. M., Montreal express, drawing-room cars attached.
6:00 P. M., First Pacific express, with sleeping-cars through to Watertown, Syracuse and Canandaigua (daily.)
8:00 P. M., Second Pacific express, with sleeping-cars attached, for Rochester and Buffalo, also for Chicago via both L. S. and M. C. Railroads, for St. Louis via Toledo, and Louisville via Indianapolis. This train will leave at 6 P. M. on Sundays.
11:00 P. M., Night express, sleeping-cars attached.
7:00 A. M. and 2 and 5 P. M., Poughkeepsie trains.
9:00 A. M., 4:15 and 6:40 P. M., Peekskill trains.
5:30 and 6:10 P. M., Sing Sing trains.
6:40, 7:20, 9:10 and 10:15 A. M., 12 M., 1:30, 3, 4:25, 5:10, 8:10 and 11:30 P. M., Yonkers trains.
9:00 A. M., Sunday train for Poughkeepsie.
C. H. KENDRICK, General Passenger Agent.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1870.

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Essays for young men on great social evils and abuses, which interfere with marriage—with sure means of relief for the erring and unfortunate, diseased and debilitated. Sent free of charge, in sealed envelopes. Address HOWARD ASSOCIATION, No. 2 South 9th-st., Philadelphia, Penn.

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WOMEN AND WAR.

Second Annual Women's Peace Convention—An International Convention to be Held in the Spring.

The second annual Women's Peace Convention of America met yesterday morning and evening in the Union League Club Theatre. In the morning an organization was effected with the following officers:

Julia Ward Howe, President; Vice-Presidents, Wm. Cullen Bryant, Lucretia Mott, Henry Ward Beecher, Hon. Geo. W. Julian, Rachel S. Howland, Prof. T. S. Upham, Hon. Gerrit Smith, Mrs. T. D. Gage, Isabella Beecher Hooker, Rev. Abel Stevens, Rev. O. B. Frothingham and Alfred H. Love; Secretaries, Mary F. Davis, T. B. Sanborn, Anna Rice Powell and Henry T. Child; Treasurer, Geo. Cabot Ward.

A Committee of Arrangements was also appointed. Mrs. Howe took the chair and made an address and read a paper, in which she said that the questions to be discussed were, first, whether a Peace Congress shall be held in Europe during the coming year 1871, and, second, whether it shall be peculiarly a woman's movement. While women should take the initiative, they needed the influence and co-operation of Christian men. The governmental theories of men do not allow women to interfere, and the result is that the former are divided into nationalities while women are not. And now the latter begin to see why it is that God has kept them out of governments that now they might step in and stop the effusion of blood among nations. War has its source in the doctrine that there is one morality for men and another for women. For women to fight it would be considered monstrous, but for men not to fight, by the same code, would be deemed disgraceful. The present war in France, she said, cries out before high heaven for something to check its fearful and bloody progress. Men are cramped and not likely to take the necessary steps against it. Women are non-combatants, outside the diplomatic bias, and the mothers of men—three reasons why they should stay this bitter destruction of men. If it is wrong and foolish for women to fight, it surely cannot be right for men to do so. The attitude of Germany now—the formula of vengeance as a duty uttered by them—is worthy only of mediæval darkness; and the Germans in this country have enjoyed the blessings of liberty and civilization to little purpose if they know not how to rebuke their countrymen. Let us have a Christian and merciful reunion next Spring, she said, which shall make effective our protest against every form of strife; for did not Christ give himself for the redemption of every nation—to purchase pardon and bring peace and good-will to all men? This ought to be the most potent argument against war.

Short peace addresses were also made by Lucretia Mott, Rev. O. B. Frothingham and Mrs. Wilbour. Letters were read from various absentees, indorsing the movement.

In the evening Mr. David Dudley Field addressed the meeting. Remarking on the smallness of the meeting, he said that he had the greatest respect and affection for minorities. He believed them to be mainly and always right. They had met to-night, he said, to promote peace by the influence of women. Look at the end to be attained. Is it possible, he asked, that peace can be secured in all events, at all times, and under all circumstances? He did not so maintain. There is a right of subjugated people to resist force by force. German unity or Italian unity could not have been attained without war. But now we have arrived at a stage where the ends of Governments can be obtained without war. Mr. Field then traced the progress of war from the earliest period to the present. Now, said he, the lesson which history teaches us is that we are to seek a common authority to make peace between nations, or to make war as impossible between them as it is now between tribes or clans. Then, citing the States of New-York, Ohio, Illinois, &c., larger than many of the States and kingdoms of Europe, kept in a state of peace by the authority of the United States Supreme Court, why, he asked, cannot a court of arbitration be found to keep Denmark, Portugal and Holland, and the other States of Europe, in a state of peace also? Such a court of arbitration, he said, existed here under the old Confederation, and it kept at least two States (not named) from war. Hence he concluded that this Court of arbitration is not a dream of enthusiasts, but is practicable, and the end which this meeting proposes should be encouraged. Mr. Field did not like the idea of a woman's Congress. They should hold correspondence with individuals and societies all over the world, and create such a public opinion as shall result in universal peace. The influence of women is true, legitimate, and the very best; and when men are obliged to fight, let them be cheered by women, or better still, let their hands be stayed.

Addresses were also made by Mrs. Mary F. Davis, Mr. A. M. Powell, Mr. John O'Hara and Mrs. Howe. A resolution was also presented looking to the appointment of a correspondence committee, agreeably to Mr. Field's suggestion.

The Kings County Controller's Office—Alleged Irregularities.

A curious illustration of the truth of the old saw, that honest men get their rights when rogues fall out, has appeared in Brooklyn, within the last week. The parties really at issue are the Mayor and the County Controller, Mr. Johnson. The latter having, for the last six months, shown a disposition to "shake his friends," the Democrats who put him in office, and assume the rôle of respectability, the Mayor in company with the majority of the Board of Aldermen, who make no pretence of respectability, have made up their minds to bring him to his senses by showing up the affairs of his office generally. An investigation has been accordingly instituted, and several facts elicited, which, to say the least of it, indicate a remarkably loose way of doing business. The most important part of the investigation, however, promises to be brought to light today, by the evidence of several New-York bankers, whose testimony, it is expected, will show that many of the City Bonds have in some mysterious way, been sold to parties at less than they would have brought in the open market.

The French Subscription Committee.

The French Committee Central de Sécours, in aid of the victims of the war in France, yesterday, resolved to transmit $5,000 of the relief fund, of which it has charge, to M. de Flavigny, President of the French Aid Committee, formerly located at Tours, and now at Bordeaux, and to forward an equal amount to M. Rothschild, Treasurer of the same Committee in London. The President of the Committee in this City has been directed to request M. Rothschild by letter to inform the Committee by the cable whether there exists in France a "committee in aid of the victims of the invasion." If such a committee is actually in operation, the funds are to be delivered to that organization. If not, M. Rothschild will be directed to deliver the funds to the Society of Friends or Quakers, which has been organized in England, in aid of the victims of the war in France. From Nauvoo the Committee has received a remittance of $82, the amount of the regular subscription among the French residents in that locality, and M. Vallet, the Secretary of the Committee, promises that the subscriptions shall be continued.

Funeral of "Kit Burns."

Christopher Keyburn, better known as Kit Burns, was interred yesterday afternoon at Calvary Cemetery. Long before the appointed time for the departure of the funeral cortége from No. 39 Sackett-street, South Brooklyn, a motley crowd of young urchins, grown-up rowdies, hard-faced men, "sports" and women assembled in and without the residence. The remains, attired tastefully, reposed in a rose-wood casket, which was declared by the bystanders to be the handsomest in the cemetery. A small silvered cross, attached to the inside of the lid, bore the inscription:

"Christopher Keyburn, died Dec. 19, 1870, aged thirty-nine years, eleven months and twenty-five days."

The hearse in which "Kit" was borne to his narrow resting-place was drawn by six white horses.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

The second meeting of the Tweed Testimonial Association was held last evening in the parlors of the Oriental Club, No. 235 East Broadway, Judge Edward J. Shandley, the President, in the chair. The other officers are Assemblymen Timothy J. Campbell and Coroner Patrick H. Keenan, Vice-Presidents; Joseph H. Tooker, Secretary, and Gen. William Miles, President of the Sixpenny Savings Bank, Treasurer. Besides these persons there is a Board of Trustees, consisting of forty-four members, or two resident citizens from each Ward in the City. The objective point of the Association is the security of a fund whereby a statue in bronze of Senator William M. Tweed may be erected on "Tweed Plaza," the junction of East Broadway, New Canal and Rutgers streets.

Last evening the annual election of officers of Neptune Lodge, No. 317, F. and A. M., took place at the rooms, corner Bowery and Bleecker-street, with the following result: Fred. Gugel, Master; Joseph Kaiser, S. W.; John R. Knox, J. W.; John Nixon, Secretary; Wm. D. Bigelow, Treasurer; Martin England, Edmund Andersen, Jr., James Sinclair, Trustees; D. Knott, Tyler; H. P. O'Neil, S. D.; James Dudgeon, J. D.; George W. C. Horton, S. M. C.; George W. Blackburn, J. M. C.; F. Gondillo, G. Cabesola, Stewards; James M. Reybust, Chaplain; Henry Pfarr, Librarian; John D. Paine, John Walsh, John L. Strabe, Finance Committee; John Nixon, Marshal; Ralph Clarke, Organist. The installation ceremonies were conducted by R. W. Henry C. Banks, Thirty-third P. D. D. G. M., assisted by W. P. M. Martin England. Past Masters Howard, Thurber, Kayes and Davis, occupied seats in the "East." Among the visiting brethren were P. M. Jas. A. Reed, of Washington Lodge No. 21; C. T. McClermachan, Thirty-third; John A. Bulger, Fort Wayne Lodge, Indiana; and Van Nest, of Sagamore Lodge. A handsome collation, and many happy speeches and songs closed the evening ceremonies. The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

At the meeting of the Liberal Club, last evening, Prof. Andre Poey read a paper on the "Physical, Vital and Moral Influence of Climate." He explained the cooling-down process of the earth to its present temperature, and the formation of land and sea, &c. Life, he said, was produced by the law which governs the evolution of matter, and not by the caprice of God, who could not send life before the earth was prepared to receive it. Neither was life the breath of God, as stated in the Bible, but a compound of hydrogen, oxygen, carbon and nitrogen. Before the appearance of the vegetable kingdom, animal life was impossible. It could not exist even if God had wished it. He alluded to the vibration of light, cause of colors and climate. At the close of his address the meeting was addressed by the Secretary and other members, and the meeting adjourned.

It was ascertained last night that the real name of the person who attempted to pass the checks on Thursday forged in the names of Lorillard and Appleton is not, as he stated, William Chapman, but Charles Bartlett. He at one time took an active part as a Democratic politician; but failing to have his ambition in that line realized, he turned his attention to frauds of a more pronounced character. He was one of the accomplices of West, the notorious anti-gambling swindler, who is now working out a five years' term in Sing Sing.

On the 7th inst. Mr. K. F. Page, of No. 125 West Fifty-ninth-street, sent a colored boy named Edward Jackson, whom he had employed, to the General Post-office with a letter containing a check on the Manufacturers' and Builders' Bank for $245, payable to J. W. Alexander, to whom the letter was addressed. The boy opened the letter and extracted the check, which he brought to the bank and tried to get cashed, but failed. He was arrested yesterday morning, and was committed to answer by Justice Coulter, in the Yorkville Police Court.

The holiday exercises of the Female Evening School No. 53, in Seventy-ninth-street near Third-avenue, took place last evening. This school has been in operation only three months, and yet the singing, recitations and addresses were such as to reflect great credit both on the children and their teacher, Miss A. B. Mahoney. Mr. T. Daly, Mr. Thomas McManus, Mr. C. H. Lyons and John Burlingser, School Commissioners, were present and expressed themselves highly satisfied with the success of the school.

Elizabeth Reuter, and Eliza, her daughter, whose arrest on Thursday for the larceny of a valuable assortment of gold chains, was fully narrated in yesterday's Times, appeared before Justice Dowling yesterday, at the Tombs, agreeably to their promise. The Magistrate decided to restore the property found in the possession of the women, to the complainant, Antoine Troll, and then paroled the accused until an effort can be made to arrest the real thieves. The women will probably never be prosecuted.

At the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, before Recorder Hackett, the following sentences were imposed: Nikalous Heim, two years and six months' imprisonment for stealing $172 from Henry Elsten, of No. 1,392 Third-avenue; Henry Hackmeister, three years and six months' imprisonment for stealing a barrel of sugar from the store of Martin J. Bunn, at No. 385 Greenwich-street; and Edward Donohue, six months' imprisonment for stealing $172 from Thos. Carey.

The sixth sociable of the Gymnasium Class of the New-York Caledonia Club, took place at the Club-house, No. 118 Sullivan-street, last evening. There was a large attendance and much social enjoyment. Mr. Thomas Nicholson was floor manager; John Birnie, Henry Page, Jr., Robert W. Hamilton, and Andrew L. Balmer acted as Floor Committee; and Walter Brown, John Donaldson, James Patterson, Jr., John Tasker, Jr., and Alexander Deans as Committee of Arrangements.

At the regular annual encampment of Post Sedgwick No. 11, Grand Army of the Republic, held on the 21st inst., the following officers were unanimously elected: Joseph Forbes, Commander; J. C. Julius Langbein, Senior Vice-Commander; Thomas H. Knight, Junior Vice-Commander; Charles Thies, Adjutant; Thomas Moore, Quartermaster; William H. Leslie, Officer of the Guard; Daniel Welde, Officer of the Day.

The delegation from the Relief Committee of Strasbourg, sent to this country, has raised 5,000 francs by subscription, principally among leading American citizens and business firms, and, on the part of a German Committee organized for the purpose, arrangements for a series of monster concerts, early in February, in aid of the fund, are being made.

At the annual election of Puritan Lodge No. 339 F. and A. M. the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Isaac H. Brown, Master; Wm. H. Richards, S. W.; George E. Brown, J. W.; John Cameron, Treasurer; Oliver Green, Secretary. Installation will take place on Wednesday evening, Jan. 4, 1871.

Elocutionary and dramatic exercises by volunteer students of the Mount Washington Collegiate Institute, Dr. George W. Clarke proprietor and principal, took place yesterday at 2 P. M., under the direction of Prof. Morgan L. Bloom, at the Institute. The affair was alike creditable to teachers and pupils.

Atlantic Lodge No. 178 F. and A. M., on Tuesday evening elected the following officers for 1871: Frank H. Hinds, M., (re-elected); Jas. E. Morrison, S. W.; Wm. O. Munroe, J. W.; Wm. H. Lewis, J. D.; F. T. Luqueer, J. D.; Z. Diederick, Wm. B. Eagan, E. Denison, Trustees.

There was a slight sprinkling of snow early yesterday morning, but not enough to cover the ground. The mercury in the thermometer at 6 A. M. stood at 21; at 9 A. M. at 24; at 12 M. at 28; at 3 P. M. at 29; at 6 P. M. at 27, and at 9 P. M. at 24.

The inquest in the case of John Cronin, who is supposed to have died of a wound inflicted by Robert Guiles, cook on board the steamship *Morro Castle*, was not held yesterday by Coroner Flynn, simply because he did not make his appearance. When the investigation will take place is not known.

Through the efforts of Mr. G. S. McWatters, of the Ladies' Union Relief Association, Mrs. Burr, of this City, whose son was lost on the *Oneida*, has obtained a draft for $57 22 from the British Government, as her share of the indemnity appropriation.

Mr. Brennan, the Sheriff elect, has not yet appointed his deputies, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. The official list will probably be given out today. Several changes have been made in the list first made out.

Louis Selmer, a peddler, was committed to Ludlow-street Jail by Commissioner Shields, yesterday, on a charge of selling counterfeit money. Assistant District-Attorney De Kay conducted the prosecution.

Capt. James S. Chalker, many years aid to the Surveyor of the Port of New-York, has been appointed Special Agent to the Treasury Department, and assigned to the office of Col. Frank E. Howe for duty.

The complaint in which Max Mayer was charged with setting fire to a house in Twenty-ninth-street, has been dismissed by the Grand Jury, and the accused has been discharged.

Charles H. Phelps, the United States Weigher, charged with selling positions in his district, was honorably discharged by Commissioner White, yesterday, being fully exonerated.

A fire occurred yesterday morning in the bakery of Christian Werner, No. 512 West Thirty-seventh-street, doing a damage of $2,000, which is only partially covered by insurance.

Under a by-law of the Board of Education, the public schools of this City closed yesterday and will reopen on Wednesday, the 4th prox.

BROOKLYN.

At the Navy-yard, within the last few days, there has been an unusual amount of activity displayed. The corvette *Tennessee* has been hauled round to the ordnance dock, and the sloop-of-war *Omaha* put into the dry dock to be coppered. The *Shawmut*, three guns, is now receiving her lower masts, and will be ready for sea in the early part of January. A meeting of the officers in commission at the station will be held on Dec. 31, to reorganize the Naval Lyceum, which has of late fallen somewhat into neglect.

In the Primary Department of Public School No. 6, Christmas exercises took place yesterday morning, under the immediate direction of the principal, Miss Alice Martin. The programme consisted of readings, recitations, and singing by the pupils. There was a large attendance of the friends and patrons of the school.

The Superintendents of the Poor held a meeting yesterday afternoon at Flatbush. By the report of the Secretary, it appeared that the inmates of the Asylum number 980; of the hospital, 437; and of the nursery, 445—showing a total increase of 30 within the past week. There are at present 67 small-pox patients in the hospital, 26 less than at the date of the last report.

William Chapman, who was captured on Thursday afternoon, while attempting to pass upon William Wise, of Fulton-street, a forged check on the firm of P. Lorillard & Co., of New-York, was committed by Justice Walsh, yesterday afternoon, to await the action of the Grand Jury.

A German, under the influence of delirium tremens, attempted, on Thursday night, to end his earthly existence by jumping into the river from one of the Fulton Ferry boats while on its way to New-York. He was, however, fished out and conveyed to the Central Police Station-house.

All the public schools in the City were closed yesterday afternoon for the year, and will not be reopened until the first Wednesday in January.

The members of the Ormond-place Congregational Church have determined to call Rev. Mr. Scudder, of San Francisco, to preside over them, at a salary of $6,000 per annum and with a free parsonage. It is stated on good authority that the reverend gentleman will accept the invitation.

LONG ISLAND.

The following persons have been elected officers of Cornucopia Lodge, No. 563, Free and Accepted Masons of Flushing: Master, Alexander Rodgers; Senior Warden, E. Platt Stratton; Junior Warden, J. L. Bordman; Treasurer, S. E. Seaman; Secretary, W. H. D. Nimmo; Trustee; Henry Carpenter. The appointed officers are not yet named. The officers of 1871 will be publicly installed by Right Worthy L. Bradford Prince, D.D., Grand Master, on Thursday evening, Dec. 29, at the Town Hall, Flushing.

The following persons have been elected officers for 1871, of Jamaica Lodge No. 546, Free and Accepted Masons, of Jamaica: Geo. W. Allen, Master; I. B. Robinson, Senior Warden; A. J. Wilkinson, Junior Warden; S. S. Aymas, Secretary; E. B. Wood, Treasurer; J. J. Armstrong, Silas Casman and J. W. Battee, Trustees. The officers will be publicly installed by D. D. Grand Master Prince on Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, at the Town Hall, Jamaica.

Last night a well-known citizen of Flushing, in endeavoring to reach the slip in advance of the Hunter's Point Ferry boat, jumped into the East River. He was fished out when nearly exhausted with a boat hook in the hands of one of the employes of the Ferry Company, named Sopper.

On Thursday afternoon an unknown man committed suicide in an old unoccupied building at East New-York, by shooting himself three times in the head. He was well dressed, and apparently well cared for. The body has not been identified.

The extension of the Long Island Railroad to Port Jefferson is now a fixed fact. The Committee previously appointed have reported favorably, and the tax-payers have concluded to bond the town in the sum of $50,000.

On Thursday morning a large schooner loaded with salt, name unknown, went ashore on Long Beach about one mile west of New Inlet, on the south side of the island. She will be a total loss.

NEW-JERSEY.

Several Newark manufacturers of saddlery and coach hardware have been in communication with a firm styled Painter, Myres & Co., of Reading, Penn., that firm wishing to purchase goods in large quantities. They referred to Harrisburg, Penn., houses, and as it has proved, forged replies vouching for the credit of the firm. As the style of goods ordered were not such as the Pennsylvania market demanded, manufacturers were suspicious, and all the goods forwarded from Newark will hardly amount to more than $3,000 to $5,000 worth. The bogus firm, after realizing what they could, have absconded, leaving unclaimed goods to a large amount in the depot at Reading to be identified.

The public schools of Paterson yesterday had a Christmas celebration prior to closing for the holiday vacation. During the day the Board of Education in a body visited the different schools, and, after appropriate exercises, conferred various awards upon successful scholars. In a number of schools Christmas trees were prepared, and presents were made to all the children.

The New-Jersey State Insane Asylum is so overcrowded with patients that, despite its recent enlargement, numbers of insane persons are refused admittance. A bill is to be introduced in the Legislature authorizing each county to erect, at the public expense, an asylum where insane persons can receive some suitable treatment.

The body of an unknown colored man was found lying in a lime-kiln near Burlington, on Wednesday morning, burned to a crisp. It is supposed that the man went to sleep on the edge of the kiln and being overcome by the gas rising from the burning shells fell in and was burned to death.

A fair and festival is now in progress at McGregor's Hall, Newark, under the auspices of the ladies of the Universalist Church. The hall is beautifully decorated, and the tables are extremely temptingly arranged. A skating park is one of the greatest attractions.

The Central New-Jersey Railroad Company have over 100 men at work on the Bay bridge, at which the accident took place nearly two weeks since. The castings are ready to be placed in position, and travel will be resumed regularly on Tuesday next.

The loss by the fire at Moore's car wheel manufactory in Jersey City, on Thursday night, was between $15,000 and $20,000. The building and contents were insured for the full amount of the loss.

ARMY AND NAVY RECORD.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Commodore Fabius Stanley is ordered to duty as Lighthouse Inspector in the Fifth District. Midshipmen Wm. P. Bulkley, Samuel Cowley, H. C. Longnecker and Sidney H. May are ordered to the *Tennessee*. Commander Jas. E. Jouett is relieved from duty as Inspector of the Fifth Lighthouse District, and ordered to ordnance duty at the Norfolk Navy-yard. Lieut.-Commander Wm. W. McClay is relieved from duty in the Pacific fleet, with permission to return home.

The United States steamer *Tennessee*, now fitting out at New-York for sea, is destined for service in West India waters. Several of her officers have been ordered to report for duty.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

London, Dec. 22.—Consols opened at 91⅞ for money and the account. American Securities quiet and steady; Five-twenty bonds—1862, 88¾; 1865, 88½; 1867, 87¾. Ten-forty bonds, 87¾. Railway shares steady; Erie, 19¾; Illinois Central, 112; Atlantic and Great Western, 23¼. At 1½ P. M. American securities and stocks were quiet.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Cotton opened buoyant; Middling Uplands, 8⅞d.@8¼d.; Middling Orleans, 8⅞d.@8¼d.; the sales of the day are estimated at 15,000 bales. Breadstuffs, Provisions and Produce opened unchanged. At 1½ P. M., Breadstuffs were firm. Wheat, 9s. 10d. ℔ cental for Old Red Western Spring, and 10s. 7d.@10s. 8d. for Red Winter. Corn, 31s. 6d. ℔ quarter for New.

London, Dec. 22.—Tallow firmer at 45s. 6d. ℔ cwt.

London, Dec. 22—4½ P. M.—Consols closed at 91⅞ for money and the account. American securities closed quiet. United States Five-twenty bonds unchanged. Stocks closed quiet; Erie, 19⅞; Illinois Central, 112; Atlantic and Great Western, 23¼.

Liverpool, Dec. 22—4½ P. M.—Cotton closed buoyant; Middling Uplands, 8⅛d.; Middling Orleans, 8¼d.; the sales of the day foot up 15,000 bales, including 3,000 bales for speculation and export. Refined Petroleum, 1s. 7d. Turpentine, 34s.

London, Dec. 22—4½ P. M.—Refined Petroleum easier at 1s. 6¼d.

London, Dec. 22.—The amount of bullion in the Bank of England decreased £63,000 during the week ending today.

[Advertisement.]

The Fur Display.—Ladies who want to be delighted, &c., should call at Knox's Hat Store, No. 212 Broadway, corner of Fulton-street, and examine his magnificent assortment of fancy furs. Valuable, fashionable, comfortable and elegant. Knox is selling his furs at very moderate prices.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

FOR EUROPE.

City of London	Dec. 24	New-York	Liverpool.
England	Dec. 24	New-York	Liverpool.
Europa	Dec. 24	New-York	Glasgow.

Closing of Foreign Mails at Post-Office.

SATURDAY.

Mails for Europe via Queenstown and Liverpool, by the *City of London*, at 5 A. M. No supplementary mail.

Closing of Domestic Mails.

North, Poughkeepsie Way	5 A. M.; 2 P. M.
North, through *via* H. R. R. R. and New-York Central	5 A. M.; 4:00, 9 P. M.
North Way, *via* Harlem R. R., Chatham Four Corners	7 A. M.
East, *via* New-Haven	5 A. M.; 1:30, 6 P. M.
East, *via* Newport	3 P. M.
East, New-Haven Way	5 A. M.; 2:30 P. M.
East, Fall River, rail	6 P. M.
South, Through	7 A. M.; 7:00 P. M.
Philadelphia Way	5 A. M.; 4:30 P. M.
West Mail, through to Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville, Indianapolis, Columbus, Chicago, St. Paul, St. Joseph, Salt Lake and Denver	7 A. M.; 3:00 P. M.
West Mail, through to Cleveland, Toledo, and by A. & G. Western R. R. to Franklin and Meadville, Penn., &c.	5 A. M.; 4:30 P. M.

Passengers Sailed.

In steam-ship North America, for St. Thomas and Brazil.—Capt. J. W. Hancox, Mrs. Pritchard, C. L. Haley, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Fiske, A. Martorell, M. D. Eddy, E. Koppisch, W. G. Gibbons, F. G. Gunivaraes, Samuel Levi, J. G. Gill, J. H. de Mercado, Blas Nadal, Mr. Worthman, S. Steinsker, L. Aginar, J. W. Hancox, Jr., W. A. Van Deusen and wife, W. H. Church, L. M. Uribe, L. Uribe, Theo. Borrott, J. Seal, A. Quesada, J. J. Francis, J. Davis, J. W. Hunt and family, P. Boucher and wife, J. Burchard.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises....7:22 | Sun sets......4:37 | Moon sets...7:11

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook..9:28 | Gov. Island..10:17 | Hell Gate..11:39

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK......FRIDAY, Dec. 23.

Cleared.

Steam-ships City of London, (Br.,) Tibbits, Liverpool, John G. Dale; England, (Br.,) Webster, Liverpool, National Steam-ship Co.; North America, Slocum, Rio Janeiro, &c., United States and Brazil Steam-ship Co.; Octarora, Reynolds, Baltimore; Mars, Grumley, Philadelphia; Frank, Pierce, Philadelphia; E. C. Biddle, McCue, Philadelphia; A. C. Stiners, Davis, Philadelphia.

Ship Agnes, (Br.,) Tisdale, East Indies, F. Baker.

Barks A. M. Schwergard, (Norw.,) Pedersen, Gloucester, England, Funch, Edye & Co.; M. A. Evans, (Br.,) Davis, Bristol, England, E. E. Morgan's Sons; Amey, (Br.,) Parkman, Glasgow, Chas. F. Sumner; Arcadia, (Norw.,) Moller, Gibraltar for orders, Funch, Edye & Co.; Svanen, (Dan.,) Moss, Alicante, Woods, Tatens & Bockmann; Calypso, Whitmore, Buenos Ayres, Russell, Howes & Co.; John Griffin, Downey, Havana, James E. Ward & Co.; Ella, Lewis, Portland, Howe, White & Co.

Brigs Eastern Star, Foster, Demerara, Daniel Trowbridge's Sons; Curacoa, (Br.,) Lockhart, Curacoa, Jos. Foulke's Sons; Suwannee, Simpson, New-Orleans, N. H. Brigham; John Shay, Nickerson, Richmond, A. Abbott.

Schrs. A. L. Whitney, Masters, Aspinwall, S. L. Merchant & Co.; Annie Harper, Wood, Brashear City, J. S. Ingraham & Co.; Sarah Watson, Smith, Wilmington, N. C., Evans, Ball & Co.; Cora, Buck, Washington, D. C., Thomas, Holmes & Co.; Geo. H. Squire, Holey, Richmond, Va., Evans, Ball & Co.; Mary Lee Newton, Murphy, Baltimore, Jed. Frye & Co.; Cora Nash, Coffin, Savannah, Van Brunt & Slaght; Ella Miller, Baltimore, Miller & Houghton; Sallie Burton, Palmer, Stamford O. C. Acken, Mead, Stamford.

Arrived.

Steam-ship Leo, Dearborn, Savannah 20th inst., with mdse. and passengers to Murray, Ferris & Co.

Steam-ship Palmyra, (Br.,) Browne, Liverpool Dec. 6, via Queenstown 7th and Boston 22d, with mdse. to Chas. G. Francklyn.

Steam-ship Fairbanks, Howe, Wilmington, N. C., with naval stores, &c., to J. Lorillard.

Ship Elizabeth Hamilton, White, Hartlepool 56 ds., with railroad iron to order, vessel to J. Atkins & Co. Came southern passage; has been 12 ds. N. of Hatteras, with heavy weather; lost and split sails and stove bulwarks.

Bark Hattie M., (of Bear River, N. S.,) Parker, Bremen 33 ds., with mdse. to Funch, Edye & Co. Came northern passage, and was 12 ds. from the English Channel to George's Shoals; had strong E. and S. W. winds to the Shoals, from thence strong N. W. gales.

Bark Sam'l E. Spring, (of Portland,) Small, Montevideo 60 ds., with hides, &c., to Busk & Jevons, vessel to Brett, Son & Co. First part of passage had fine weather; crossed the equator Nov. 22 in lon. 37; has been 12 ds. W. of Bermuda, with heavy W. and N. W. gales.

Bark Mary, (of Halifax,) Bartoby, Havana 17 ds., with sugar to Francke & Fischer—vessel to J. F. Whitney & Co. Had variable weather, with strong breezes up to Hatteras; has been 10 ds. from thence, with heavy N. W. gales.

Bark Arizona, (of Stockton,) Conant, Catania, Oct. 17, with mdse. to Carver & Barnes. Is anchored in the Lower Bay.

Brig Asterope, (of Falmouth, Eng.,) Tregarthen, Malaga 47 ds., with fruit to Gomez Wallis & Co.—vessel to Geo. F. Bulley. Passed Gibraltar Nov. 4. On the night of Dec. 15, while laying to, about 75 miles E. of Sandy Hook, was run into by an unknown brig, carrying away bowsprit, cutwater, fore-topgallant mast, lower mast, topgallant and royal yard; lost sails and various other gear.

Brig G. J. Troop, (of Arichat,) Ferrio, Sidney, C. B., 12 ds., with 510 tons coal to C. B. Swaine & Son—vessel to Moss & Ward.

Brig Elizabeth, ——, of and from St. Johns N. F., 26 ds., with oil and herrings to R. P. Currie. Has had a succession of W. gales the entire passage.

Brig Victoriano (Sp.) Mendsona, Cienfuegos 26 ds., in ballast to Rubira & Co. For the last 9 ds. had a succession of heavy N. W. gales.

Brig Palestro, (Fr.,) Lagraulet, Aquin 31 ds., with logwood to H. Becket & Co. Experienced heavy gales of wind for last 8 ds.

Brig Renshaw, Sylvester, Sagua 23 ds., with sugar, &c., to R. A. Robertson & Co. Had variable weather to Hatteras, and has been 10 ds. from thence with heavy W. and N. W. gales.

Brig Chimborazo, Coombs, Bangor, with lumber to order.

Brig M. E. Thompson, Horton, Providence.

Schr. Fred. Smith, (of Bangor,) Smith, Salt Key, T. I., 21 ds., with salt to Woodruff & Robinson—vessel to H. W. Loud & Co. Has been 10 ds. N. of Hatteras with heavy W. and N. W. gales; on the night of Dec. 21, under close-reefed sails, went ashore on Jones Inlet, the wind blowing at the time W.; was taken off without damage at 6 A. M., Dec. 23, by the coast wrecking steamer Relief.

Schr. Electric Spark, (of New-Bedford,) Haley, late E. M. Cornell,) Ruatan Island, via Key West, 33 ds., with cocoa-nuts to James Douglas. Had heavy N. N. W. gales; lost and split sails; put into Key West short of provisions; while laying at Ruatan Island Capt. E. M. Cornell died of ulcer in stomach, and was buried there. The Electric Spark came by the way of Long Island Sound.

Schr. Maria Moore, (of Halifax,) Scott, Havana 13 ds., with fruit to Doliner, Potter & Co.—vessel to S. C. Loud & Co. Dec. 15, lat. 37 50, lon. 74 38, in a heavy N. W. gale, carried away jib-boom, split sails, and lost part of deck; has been 7 ds. N. of Hatteras, with heavy N. W. winds.

Schr. Frank Howard, (of Bath,) Dermott, Para 23 ds., with rubber, &c., to C. Ludmann & Co. Experienced N. W. gales from lat. 30; lost jib-boom; has been 3 ds. N. of Hatteras. Left in port, schrs. R. C. Lane, ldg.; A. A. Holton, sailed 23d for New-York.

Schr. Harvest Queen, McBride, 25 ds. of and from Cornwallis, N. S., with 4,659 bushels potatoes to Henry Duryea; vessel to Crandall, Berteaux & Co.

Schr. Kathleen, (of St. Johns, N. B.,) Wyman, Kingston, Ja., via Long Island Sound, 23 ds., with coffee, pigments, &c., to J. Leaycraft—vessel to Heney & Parker.

Schr. Emeretta, (of Stockton,) ——, Jacmel 28 ds., with logwood, &c., to master. Is anchored in the Lower Bay.

Schr. Northern Light, Ireland, Providence, for Philadelphia.

Schr. H. J. Mead, Higgins, Providence, for Philadelphia.

Schr. Elwood, Doran, Jarvis, Boston, for Philadelphia.

Schr. Elvie Davis, Hand, Providence, for Philadelphia.

Schr. Sophie R. Jameson, Jameson, Rockland, with lime to Candee & Pressey.

Schr. Corvo, Mabbett, Rockland, with lime to J. R. Brown.

Schr. J. B. Clayton, Champion, Providence, for Philadelphia.

Schr. H. Prescott, Freeman, Portland for Norfolk.

Schr. St. Mary, Stillman, Providence for Philadelphia.

Schr. Jaclim, J. Chave, Belfast, with lumber to Wotherspoon & Co.

Schr. L. A. C. Wishart, Mason, Spruce Head, with stone to C. & P. Dickinson & Co.

Schr. Calista, Spears, Rockland, with stone to New-York Bridge Co.

Schr. B. F. Jones, Mifflin, Providence, for Philadelphia.

Schr. Hattie Collins, Mapes, Norfolk 7 ds., with ties to New-Jersey Railroad Co.

Schr. H. J. Raymond, Ellsworth, Providence, for Philadelphia.

Schr. J. M. Flanigan, Norwood, Boston, for Philadelphia.

Schr. W. H. Howe, Higgins, Provincetown, with fish to E. Nickerson.

Schr. Cornelia Newkirk, Hopkins, New-Haven, for Philadelphia.

Schr. Henry Parker, Parker, New-Haven, for Baltimore.

Schr. Samuel Castner, Robinson, New-Haven, for Philadelphia.

Schr. Julius Webb, Emsell, New-Haven, for Philadelphia.

Schr. United States, Rogers, Norfolk, 6 ds., with grain to Merrill & Co.

Schr. J. L. Blanchard, Sumner, Darien, Ga., 8 ds., with lumber for Norwich. Lost foretopmast.

Schr. Mercury, Atwood, Baltimore 7 ds., with coal to Hudson River Railroad Co.

Schr. Neptune, Farley, Georgetown 6 ds., with coal for Hoboken.

Schr. Kate J. Hoyt, Parker, Virginia, for New-Haven.

Schr. F. Nickerson, Tilly, Philadelphia, for Boston.
Schr. M. P. Hudson, Coan, Boston, for Baltimore.
Schr. E. S. Gildersleeve, Carroll, New-London.
Schr. Lady Antrim, Parker, New-Bedford.
Schr. A. D. Huddle, Long, Salem, for Philadelphia.
Schr. Challenge, Perry, Greenport.
Schr. Richard Borden, Borden, Fall River.
Schr. E. E. Potter, Ellis, Greenport.
Schr. Sparkling Sea, Falkenburg, Harwich.
Schr. D. C. Forester, Sheffield, Pawtucket.
Schr. Cinderella, Varn, Port Jefferson.
Schr. W. H. Bowen, Butler, New-Haven.
Schr. Mary Rice, Rice, Portland, Conn.
Schr. J. Truman, Gibbs, New-Bedford.
Schr. Phil. Sheridan, Murphy, Fall River.
Shcr. Robert Pettis, Ellis, Connecticut River.
Schr. R. S. Dean, Cook, Taunton, for Baltimore.
Schr. J. L. Newton, Rich, Boston, for Baltimore.
Schr. Rienzi, Merkle, Newport, for Elizabethport.
Schr. J. A. Sheppard, Gilbert, Providence.
Schr. Memento, Mason, Norwich.
Schr. Jude Harrington, Lynch, Virginia.
Schr. Wm. Moore, Low, Virginia.
Schr. Sallie Ann. Martin, Virginia.
Schr. Two Sisters, Brown, Virginia.
Schr. James Hunter, Mathews, Virginia.
Schr. A. E. Kakes, Jones, Virginia.
Schr. P. L. Foster, Clark, Virginia.
Schr. Isaac Hinckley, Randolph, Virginia.
Schr. Alfred Hall, Walker, Virginia.
Schr. M. J. Fisher, Morris, Virginia.
Schr. C. H. Malleson, Bailey, Virginia.
Schr. C. P. Hoffman, Robinson, Virginia.
Schr. Chas. Washington, Goldsbrough, Virginia.
Schr. Cora, Low, Virginia.
Schr. Brandywine, Vingar, Bridgeport.
Schr. Julia Baker, Clarke, New-Haven.
Schr. Marietta Hand, Baylis, Orient.
Schr. S. L. Crocker, Thrasher, Taunton.
Schr. C. Goodwin, Nickerson, for New-Haven.
Schr. Margaret Kennedy, Ball, for New-Haven.
Schr. J. C. Chew, Phillips, Taunton.
Schr. Senator, Mott, Newport.
Schr. W. S. O'Brien, Burns, New-Haven.
Schr. Blast, Bartlett, New-Haven.
Schr. Judge Runyon, Brewer, New-Haven.
Schr. Lizzie, Taylor, New-Haven.
Schr. J. D. Buckalew, Parker, New-Haven.
Schr. T. J. King, King, Egg Harbor.
Schr. Annie, Babcock, Egg Harbor.
Schr. Niagara, Bruner, Egg Harbor.
Schr. P. C. Shultis, Young, New-Haven.
Schr. Kate Grant, Haskell, New-Haven.
Schr. Wyoming, Young, Virginia.
Schr. Hunter Crane, Somerset.
Schr. Julia Tate, Tate, Bridgeport.
Schr. A. H. Beldon, Mayo, Hartford.
Schr. Mist, Muncy, Bridgeport.
Schr. Surge, Warwick, Bridgeport.
Schr. Ripple, Bartlett, Hartford.
Schr. W. G. Dearborn, Bearse, Providence.

SAILED—Steam-ship North America, for Rio Janeiro, &c.

WIND—Sunset, moderate, N., clear.

Disaster.

Schr. Brothers (of Harwich,) Eldridge from Norfolk, 6 ds., with 3,700 bushels corn, is ashore on the point of Sandy Hook; went on this morning at 4.

Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 22.—The fishing schr. Onward, of this port, missed stays in beating up the river, on Wednesday night, and went ashore, and lies high and dry at low tide.

By Telegraph.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Arr. brigs Goldfinder, from Havana; H. Houston, from Galveston.

Charleston, Dec. 23. Arr. steamers James Adger, from New-York; J. W. Everman, from Philadelphia; Sea Gull, from Baltimore.

Havana, Dec. 23.—Arr. brig Havana, from New-York.

Holmes' Hole, Dec. 22.—Arr. schrs. Susanna, Baltimore, Rockland; Sabao, Philadelphia, Boston; Hiawatha, Philadelphia, Portsmouth; Ada, (Br.,) New-York, St. John, N. B.; George P. Trigg, Newcastle, Del., Danvers; Cora Morrison, Boston, Tanjier.

Fortress Monroe, Dec. 23.—Arr. brig Airold, from Turk's Island for Baltimore. Passed out brig Harry, for Matanzas.

Savannah, Dec. 23.—Arr. brig Clementine, from Havana; schrs. Burdett Hart, from New-York. Cld. ships Bridgewater, for Liverpool; Golconda, for Liverpool; bark Fanny J. McLellan, for Liverpool; schr. Daniel Pierson, for Darien.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Arr. ship El Dorado, from Ardrossan, Wales; ship Achilles, from New Castle, Australia.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Cld. British ship Sarah Newman, with wheat for Queenstown, and the bark Floris, with wheat for Cork.

Spoken.

Nov. 5, by bark Samuel E. Spring, of Portland, in lat. 20 41 S, lon. 32 07, W, spoke bark Argentine, from Rosario via Montevideo, for Boston, 28 days out; Nov. 22, lat. 1 N, lon. 37, exchanged signals with ship Lyttleton, (Br.,) from Buenos Ayres for Boston; Dec. 22, off the Capes of Delaware passed a vessel's topmast and two topsail yards attached.

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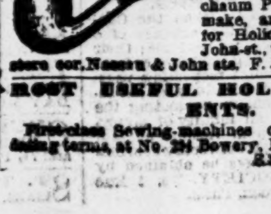

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